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We support our members in a dynamic and diverse society in delivering valued professional services, promoting access to justice and pursuing professional satisfaction.



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From the desk of ...

Larry J. Martin, Executive Director



Connect. Learn. Relax. The 2023 Annual Meeting Conference (AMC), set for June 14-16, promises a solid lineup of thought-provoking and engaging speakers, plenty of ways to earn your CLE credit, and an abundance of networking opportunities. Read more about it in the upcoming events section of this report.

I'm particularly excited that we have two Supreme Court Justices and nine judges from around the state participating in educational programming. They include:

- Chief Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler, Wisconsin Supreme Court
- Justice Rebecca Bradley, Wisconsin Supreme Court
- Hon. Brian Blanchard, Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District IV
- Hon. Michael Brennan, Seventh Circuit United States Court of Appeals
- Hon. Charles Clevert, JAMS Mediation, Arbitration and ADR Services
- Hon. Jennifer Dorrow, Waukesha County Circuit Court
- Hon. Maria Lazar, Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District II
- Hon. Lisa Neubauer, Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District II
- Hon. R. Michael Waterman, St. Croix County Circuit Court
- Hon. Kristy Yang, Milwaukee County Circuit Court
- Hon. John Zakowski, Brown County Circuit Court, Branch 6

I'm personally grateful to these justices and judges for making the time to attend and participate in the conference. Members are able to learn, gain insight, and network with some of our state's brightest legal minds.

Joining us again this year are members of the Wisconsin Association for Legal Administrators. I encourage you to visit the [AMC website](#) to learn more – and register by April 28 for early-bird discounts. Please help us spread the word by encouraging your constituents to attend this year's AMC.

Finally, I encourage you to read this report and note the impressive work completed by our dedicated volunteers and staff in just a few short months. Thank you for your continued support. Stay well, and as always, ever forward!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry".

In case you missed my recent column in *Wisconsin Lawyer*TM magazine

It's Time Our Elected Officials Act: With the state being in a healthy fiscal position, now is the time to adequately fund our justice system. The consequences of not acting are too great to ignore (March 2023).

Upcoming Events

2023 State Bar Annual Meeting & Conference

June 14-16, The Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee

Members of the legal profession will be descending on Milwaukee June 14-16 for the largest State Bar gathering of Wisconsin's bench and bar. It's been more than 10 years since a State Bar event of this size has been in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee has a lot to offer, and that's not just our opinion. *National Geographic* recently named Milwaukee to the 2023 list of Best Places in the World to Visit, and *Midwest Living* named Milwaukee the "Culinary Capital of the Midwest." Take it from the pros—Milwaukee is the place to be this summer!

With more than 20 CLE sessions to choose from there's something for everyone. The 2023 AMC breakout sessions will cover everything from client billing to toxic waste, short term rentals to global supply chains; and compensating college athletes to recreation liability - with a dozen more topics in the mix.

See the [AMC website](#) for all the details.

Important dates to remember:

- Now to April 28: Early early bird discount
- April 29-May 19: Early-bird discount



Thursday Opening Plenary:

“Cancel Culture: Threat to Free Speech or Vital Accountability Measure?”

Few current topics will produce a livelier debate than the cancel culture phenomenon. One viewpoint praises the phenomenon for holding the “canceled” accountable and protecting oppressed groups from offensive speech, while another viewpoint criticizes the movement for suppressing freedom of speech and operating as a disproportionate sanction mechanism. Others argue that the phenomenon has strayed from its roots, transforming what initially was a positive accountability measure into a socially damaging regulatory movement.

Considering the differing viewpoints regarding the role of cancel culture in society, the panelists will address the following: First, what does cancel culture actually mean? And second, which side has it right, if any? From an array of judicial and academic perspectives, the panelists will unpack their understanding of the phenomenon and its impact on free speech to examine the role of cancel culture - whether positive, negative, or neutral - in courtrooms, universities, and beyond.

ABOUT THE PANELISTS and MODERATOR



Judge Janice Rogers Brown served on the California Supreme Court and U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals for 12 years before retiring.



Franciska Coleman is an assistant professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Wisconsin Law School and the Associate Director of East Asian Legal Studies Center.



James Goldschmidt chairs Quarles’ national Appellate Practice Group and is the immediate past chair of the State Bar of Wisconsin Appellate Practice Section. He also serves on the Board of Governors for the Seventh Circuit Bar Association.

Friday's Opening Plenary: Survivor 2023: The Law Firm Challenge



Test your abilities to *Outwit, Outplay and Outlast* experts and a cast of characters on the rules of professional responsibility on law firm ethical issues facing lawyers and judges alike. While it's not a group of strangers on an isolated island, it will test your skills and understanding of ethics and professional responsibility. EPR credit to those who attend.

Friday Closing Plenary

Courtney Clark will share an engaging presentation on health and wellness issues along with her extensive work on resilience and techniques for avoiding burnout. She'll also help you prioritize your well-being to lead to a more successful career.

After a series of major struggles in her mid-20s, she built two successful businesses and is the author of two books, including her most recent book, *The Successful Struggle: Powerful Techniques to Achieve Resilience*. She works with people who want to adapt faster and achieve more and has spoken worldwide to organizations like Proctor and Gamble, Dell, S&P, Humana, Cisco, and Cardinal Health.



Courtney Clark

DIOC Subcommittee Arranges Prominent Annual Meeting Speaker



Rev. Dr. Alex Gee will speak at the State Bar Annual Meeting and Conference in June.

Rev. Dr. Alex Gee, Lead Pastor of Fountain of Life Covenant Church in Madison and host of the "Black Like Me" podcast, is set to talk at the State Bar [Annual Meeting and Conference](#) on June 16. The title of his talk: "When the Black Community Thrives, Wisconsin Benefits: Calling on Lawyers to be Agents of Real Change."

In 1992, Gee pioneered The Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development, a nonprofit organization that inspires, develops, and mobilizes emerging African American leaders to become partners in revitalizing and transforming communities. He also founded Justified Anger, a Madison-based organization dedicated to re-thinking racial disparities.

► PINNACLE Books Busy on Revisions

New revisions of PINNACLE® Books:

- [Law of Damages in Wisconsin](#);
- [Real Estate Transactions System](#); and
- [Wisconsin Construction Lien Law Handbook](#).

In addition, 6 of 13 [codebooks](#) have been updated so far for 2023, with additional releases coming in the next 3 months.

PINNACLE titles, except for codebooks, are now available in print and online with [Books UnBound™](#). Read your favorite State Bar books in your office or on your phone, tablet, or laptop. Books UnBound is perfect for court or to use in meetings with clients or colleagues. Questions? Contact Publications Manager [Carol Chapman](#).

► Busy Spring For PINNACLE Seminars

PINNACLE Seminars produced a number of timely and important seminars that will run throughout the spring, including:

- [Handling Complex Business Cases 2023](#), a two-track program covering the wide variety of case types that qualify for the business court program.
- [New Guidance on Student Loan Discharge in Bankruptcy](#) will cover the U.S. Department of Justice and the Department of Education's updated guidelines to make it easier for struggling borrowers to discharge student loan debt into bankruptcy. Explore alternative strategies for relief.
- [For Everyone's Benefit: Public Benefits Beyond the Basics 2023](#): With Congress's decoupling of FoodShare and Medicaid protections from the COVID-19 public health emergency and its scheduled expiration in May of 2023, what will be the "new normal" for public benefits?
- [Bail and Bond Advocacy in Wisconsin 2023](#): Make sense of the bail bond process so you can provide the most effective representation for clients facing pretrial detention.

- **ChatGPT Artificial Intelligence – Overview & Implications.** Legal implications of ChatGPT are growing. Know and understand the risks of having AI do your work.
- **A Series on Resiliency for Senior Lawyers: Part 1 and Part 2.** Everything is changing. Sometimes managing those changes in technologies, client needs and expectations, even the practice of law is taxing. This series will provide tools on how to successfully manage your way out of turmoil and tips and techniques to make you more resilient.



► Programming for Paralegals and Other Legal Administrators

The State Bar of Wisconsin recently provided a three-part series of Ethics CLE for paralegals. The series, presented by Ethics Counsel Aviva Meridian Kaiser, covers essential topics that help paralegals maintain or attain their State Bar Paralegal certification. The three-part series included confidentiality for paralegals, ethics for transactional paralegals, and the complexity of engagement agreements, billing, file retention, and destruction. Learn more:

[Paralegal Ethics Series.](#)



The State Bar of Wisconsin recognized the good work of Paralegals during March with an active campaign to highlight existing and upcoming CLE beneficial to working paralegals in Wisconsin.



CLE Committee Approves Changes to the Paralegal Certification Program: The CLE Committee recently approved significant changes to the State Bar of Wisconsin Paralegal Certification requirements to better align CLE requirements to the needs of their attorneys. These include:

- CLE requirements increased from 12 to 15 credit hours every two years.
- Ethics CLE requirement increased from 2 to 3 credit hours every two years.
- 2,000 hours working under attorney supervision now required for new applicants.
- A robust, certification test required for applicants without the requisite academic credentials (Coming soon, date TBD).

These certification changes begin **July 1, 2023**, for all new certification applicants. For more information about the Paralegal Certification Program please contact Registrar [Toni Wood](#).

We're Working Together for the Common Good

Section Reports

The **Bankruptcy, Insolvency & Creditors' Rights** section held their Annual Educational/Social Retreat at the American Club in Kohler on February 23-24 with 140 registered attendees. Attendees who networked with bankruptcy judges and heard about recent developments at the "National Case Law Update."

The **Elder Law and Special Needs Section** is holding their annual **Wispatch Update CLE** with State Bar PINNACLE on April 28 in Madison. The section is offering five scholarships to cover tuition for the live in-person or webcast seminar. Eligible applicants must be a member of the Elder Law and Special Needs Section and have practiced elder law and/or special needs planning law for five years or less. For more information or to request an application, please email Section Coordinator [Kara Olson](#).

The **Family Law Section** is offering scholarship applications for the 42nd Annual Family Law Workshop taking place at the Stone Harbor Resort in Sturgeon Bay August 10-12. For more information, email Section Coordinator [Kara Olson](#).

The **Labor & Employment Law Section** continues to hold their virtual CLE Labor Luncheons. March and April CLE titles included, "Developments in HR Law Regarding Pregnancy" and "More Than Pronouns: How to Build a Gender-Inclusive Legal Practice." As a benefit, section members attend for \$20 while non-section members pay \$89.

The **Litigation Section** is providing a diversity scholarship to any State Bar member who would like to join the Litigation Section. This is to help achieve the goal of better representation of the communities it serves. For more information, or to request an application please email Section Coordinator [Christine Casey](#).

The **Public Utilities Section** held its annual Public Utilities Law Update with the Wisconsin Public Utilities Institute on March 1. The program featured an opening session with Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Chair Becky Cameron Valcq and a fireside chat with Commissioner Ellen Nowak as well as the PSCW update from Chief Legal Counsel Cindy Smith. The section offered four free registrations for students to attend in-person.

The next **Section Leaders Council** meeting on Friday, May 5 at the State Bar Center will focus on preparing incoming chairs for successful leadership.

The **Solo Small Firm and General Practice Section** is partnering with State Bar PINNACLE to host their CLE program, “Considerations for Opening a Law Practice” on Wednesday, May 17. The section is also offering two scholarships to attend the State Bar Annual Meeting and Conference. Applicants must be members of the Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Section. For more information or to request an application, please email Section Coordinator [Kara Olson](#).

The **Taxation Law Section** is working with the IRS’ Issue Management Resolution System. This gives the section direct contact with an IRS stakeholder liaison, and it provides information about policies, practices, and procedures. Section members can ask questions and provide feedback regarding the IRS processes.

Division Reports

The **Government Lawyers Division** is offering grant money to help members with no other financial means to pay for CLE tuition and travel. If you know of a government lawyer in need, contact State Bar Program Coordinator [Karen Beall](#).

The **Senior Lawyers Division** held a live program on the topic of transitioning on March 16 with over 50 attendees at the State Bar Center. They will be hosting a repeat of the program in Green Bay at Lambeau Field on May 18. Registration is free for division members, information is available on Wisbar’s [Marketplace](#).

The SLD also has a series of webcasts being produced with PINNACLE including:

- [Tips for Keeping Current in Law & Using Artificial Intelligence Safely](#)
- [Building Resilience for Senior Lawyers, Part 1](#)
- [Building Resilience for Senior Lawyers, Part 2](#)

These webcasts and replays are available to division members at no cost. Past seminars are also available to division members in a [free library](#) of virtual content with topics of interest to senior lawyers.

We're Advocating for Justice, Clients, the Legal System and Profession

► Legislative Update

The legislature is busy crafting Wisconsin's 2023-2025 budget in the context of persistent inflation and a historic budget surplus. Governor Evers' proposed budget contained many State Bar supported proposals like increased funding for prosecutors and defenders and civil legal aid, but his proposals will not serve as a blueprint for the GOP-controlled legislature. However, there have been signals that the legislature is prepared to make significant increases in funding for the criminal justice system. The budget bills were introduced in March as [AB 43](#) and [SB 70](#).

A proposal for expungement reform was introduced as [AB 37](#) and [SB 38](#). The bills haven't yet been scheduled for public hearings, and committee leaders may wait until after the budget is finalized to take it up.

► Advocating for the Justice System

News about shortages of criminal justice attorneys was heavily covered in state media through February and March. It is a top priority for the State Bar of Wisconsin to build upon this increased awareness and win legislative support for increased funding for District Attorney's offices and the State Public Defender's office, including an increase the private bar rate. The Advocacy team has put together a special webpage, www.justicebreakingpoint.com, that serves as a one-stop clearinghouse for news and information as well as an action center that allows visitors to send a message to their state lawmakers.

The continued support and voice of our members is critical to securing lawmaker's understanding and willingness to act to address this growing crisis. All State Bar Governors are encouraged to [send a message of support](#) for justice system funding to their elected officials, and to encourage your colleagues and constituent State Bar members to do the same. If you have already sent a message, we encourage you to send a follow up!

► 2023 Supreme Court Candidate Debate

On March 21, the State Bar hosted the only candidate debate in the 2023 race for Supreme Court between candidates Daniel Kelly and Janet Protasiewicz. Like previous debates hosted by the State Bar, we partnered with WISC-TV and Wispolitics, and State Bar leaders, members, and the public attended as a live audience.

Unlike previous events, this debate drew an unprecedented amount of national media attention. National outlets covering the debate included Associated Press, The Economist, The Guardian, Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), NBC, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and CNN.

Local coverage included ABC 2 (WBAY), ABC 27 (WKOW), ABC 12 (WISN), CBS 58 (WDJT), Fox 6 (WITI), Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, NBC 26 (WGBA), Spectrum News 1, Wisconsin Public Radio, Wisconsin Examiner, Wisconsin State Journal, Wisconsin Watch, and WUWM 89.7 FM (WPR).



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► Four Legislators Receive Scales of Justice Awards

Rep. Jessie Rodriguez (R-Oak Creek), Rep. Ron Tusler (R-Harrison), Sen. Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan), and Sen. Eric Wimberger (R-Green Bay) are recipients of the State Bar's Legislative Oversight Committee Scales of Justice Award.

These awards to go legislators who put forth extraordinary effort to advance legislation that improves the practice of law and/or expands access to justice.

We encourage members to contact their legislators on the criminal justice crisis, as well as other priorities like civil legal aid. You can always learn more about the issues, track bills of interest, and take action by visiting www.wisbar.org/GovRelations. For the latest news, subscribe to Rotunda Report and follow our twitter account @SBWRotundaRpt.

If you would like to have a meeting with the Advocacy team and your local bar, law firm, or a group of legal colleagues, reach out to Grassroots Coordinator [Devin Martin](#).



On March 8, State Bar leaders awarded Rep. Jessie Rodriguez the Scales of Justice Award in the Supreme Court hearing room at the Capitol in Madison. From left: Larry J. Martin, Cheryl Furstace Daniels, Rep. Rodriguez, Margaret Hickey, and Chuck Stertz.

► LRIS: Connecting Attorneys with Clients

The State Bar of Wisconsin Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) connects attorneys with clients who are carefully prescreened for legal issue, geographic location, and ability to pay.

This fiscal year, the LRIS team has handled 20,927 calls and provided 6,893 referrals to participating panel members.

Our new and enhanced online self-referral program is coming soon. It will allow those looking for an attorney to perform a search on their own and will be available in English and Spanish 24/7. There will be a \$30 fee associated with the online self-referral.

To learn more about the program, please visit Lawyer Referral Programs on wisbar.org.

► Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Concludes Another Great Season

Waukesha South High School bested Shorewood High School by only three points in the final round of the Wisconsin High School Mock Trial on March 5. They will compete in the national competition in May in Little Rock, Arkansas. [Read more about the tournament in *InsideTrack*.](#)

Mock trial is a rewarding experience for both students and lawyer volunteers. To volunteer, visit wisbar.org/mocktrial.

The Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Program is funded with a generous grant from the [Wisconsin Law Foundation](#), the charitable arm of the State Bar.

► Helping the Public Understand Legal Issues

"Know Your Legal Rights," a newspaper column written by panel members in the Lawyer Referral and Information Service, appeared in 37 newspapers in February and March, bringing the total to 285 stories since the partnership formed with the Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA) in April 2022.

A sampling of the articles include:

- ["Considerations before filing for divorce"](#) (Christopher Duren, Duren Law Offices LLC)
- ["Landlord discrimination and refusal to rent to a tenant"](#) (Kelly Schwab, Renning Lewis & Lacy SC)

- [“Legal considerations before starting a small business”](#) (Lanre Abiola, Prestige Law Office)
- [“How do I know if I am the victim of employee discrimination?”](#) (Rebecca Salawdeh, Salawdeh Law Office, LLC)

► Spotighting Issues: Facilitating Media Coverage

Members of the media contacted the State Bar’s outreach program for legal experts, including:

- [WITI Fox6 News \(Milwaukee\): Disability decision delays impact of Wisconsin’s most vulnerable](#) (Referral to Kelsey Brown, Legal Action of Wisconsin, and Alex Eichorn, Tabak Law, LLC)
- [WITI Fox6 News: Wisconsin Airbnb rentals; what rights do neighbors have?](#) (Referral to Mark Young, Storm, Balgeman & Klippel)
- WITI Fox6 News (Milwaukee): Inaccurate property tax assessments (Air date TBD. Referral to Russell Karnes, Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin & Brown LLP)
- WITI Fox6 News (Milwaukee): Walworth County sheriff’s deputy hit by uninsured motorist. (Air date TBD. Referral to Natasha Misra, Natasha Misra Law LLC)

Promoting Public Understanding of the Law: Wisconsin Law Foundation

Every Member, Every Year

The Wisconsin Law Foundation is launching an “Every Member, Every Year” campaign to support and expand our mission and work. Simply put, we are asking every member to give a donation of any amount to your Law Foundation at least once every year.

With the annual support of every State Bar of Wisconsin member, the Law Foundation will be in a strong position to respond to the need to promote civic understanding; leadership development; access to justice and programming that raises up greater diversity and inclusion.

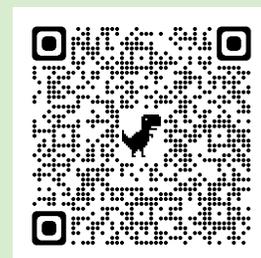
Your Law Foundation was able to respond to these needs because of the past generosity of our donors, like you. Having the annual support of all 25,000 State Bar members will empower us to continue to support critically needed programs and services at a time when demand and need has never been higher.

Our efforts are ambitious, but we cannot do it without the support of every member of Wisconsin’s legal profession. Your support today and every year is critical to your Law Foundation’s ability to address and expand its reach in support worthy projects and programs in every corner of our state.

Join us by committing to make an annual contribution in any amount. With the support of every member every year our impact grows ever stronger.

Ways to Give:

- Include a donation on line 9 of your State Bar dues statement
- Online at wisbar.org/wlfdonate.
- Scan the code



► Providing Ethics Guidance

The Ethics Program provides guidance regarding Wisconsin's Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys. Ethics counsel delivered 13 presentations from February to March, with five through PINNACLE. A sampling includes:

- "ChatGPT Artificial Intelligence – Overview and Implications" (PINNACLE)
- "The Ethics of Witness Preparation for Criminal Lawyers" (Milwaukee Bar Association)
- "Social Media for Family Lawyers" (Inns of Court)
- "Ethics of Marketing: Selected Issues for School Attorneys" (Wisconsin Association of Workers Compensation Attorneys)
- "Understanding the Lawyer's Ethical Obligations to Elderly Clients: Constraints on Sharing Information with Others." (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources Inc.)

Ethics counsel wrote three articles:

- **"Dilemma: Can I Communicate with Someone Receiving Limited Scope Representation"** (*InsideTrack*)
- **"Dilemma: What Happens when One Client Withdraws Consent in a Joint Representation Matter"** (*InsideTrack*)
- **"Dilemma: Email 'Reply All,' Implied Consent, and an Updated ABA Opinion"** (*InsideTrack*)

► Rules Petition:

On March 14, the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued an order adopting Rules Petition 22-05 **In the Matter of Amendment of Supreme Court Rules 20:1.15 and 20:1.0, Relating to Electronic Banking**, which will modernize trust account payments in Wisconsin. Ethics counsel worked closely with the Office of Lawyer Regulation in drafting the petition and testified in support of the petition at the public hearing.

For more information, see **"Electronic Payments and Lawyer Trust Accounts: What to Know"** by Timothy Samuelson, Office of Lawyer Regulation Director, and Travis Stieren, Trust Account Program administrator for the Office of Lawyer Regulation, in the April 5, 2023, issue of *InsideTrack*.

Questions? Contact Ethics Counsel Aviva Kaiser or Tim Pierce, or call the Ethics Hotline at (800) 254-9154.

► Practice411: Supporting the Business of Law

State Bar Practice411™ Law Practice Assistance Manager Christopher Shattuck met with members for virtual roundtable law practice management discussions in February and March to discuss ChatGPT technology, file retention and destruction policies, and trust account scams.



Shattuck wrote a *Wisconsin Lawyer* article, "[ChatGPT Artificial Intelligence: Will It Replace Lawyers and Legal Staff?](#)" and co-presented with Ethics Counsel a PINNACLE CLE, "[ChatGPT Artificial Intelligence-Overview & Implications 2023.](#)" Shattuck delivered a presentation on ChatGPT to the Senior Lawyers Division March 16.

Local Bar Associations and Law School Outreach: Shattuck provided a CLE titled, "Data Breaches and Encryption Strategies for Law Firms" to the La Crosse County Bar Association. He attended Judges Night hosted by the Milwaukee County Bar Association on February 7, participated in a lawyer skills program for law students at Marquette Law School on February 8, and attended Dane County Bar Association networking events in February and March.

► Prioritizing the Well-being of Lawyers

The Wisconsin Lawyers Assistance Program (WisLAP) completed its first Motivational Interviewing Workshop on March 22. Nine attorneys completed the five-hour workshop held at the La Crosse Public Library.

In addition to discussing how motivational interviewing skills can improve communication between attorneys and their clients, WisLAP staff shared information about cognitive distortions, active listening and the stages of change. Attendees practiced their skills using case scenarios and small-group processing.



WisLAP held their first Motivational Interviewing Workshop on March 22 at

Attendees received lunch, workbooks, and certificates of completion. Feedback from the event was very positive ...

"I will use the communication skills in my practice. Great training!"

"Great program yesterday in La Crosse. We will put what we learned to use immediately (at our practice). When I went to law school, admittedly a long time ago, there was no course on client relationships or interviewing clients. We did learn how to cross-exam, the wrong approach for a client interview. All you are a great resource for State Bar members."

"Thanks so much for the great presentation yesterday. It was one of the best workshops I have ever attended."

▶ Leadership Development Programs Features Supreme Court Justice

Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Jill J. Karofsky is the keynote speaker at the Leadership Development Programming, set for April 22 at the State Bar Center in Madison.

For the first time, the keynote address will be livestreamed for members using Facebook Live. Watch for emails closer to the event containing details about how to access Justice Karofsky's remarks.



Justice Jill J. Karofsky

Justice Karofsky participated in the Task Force on Wisconsin Lawyer Well-Being and has been a champion for mental health and well-being since early in her career. She will deliver comments related to the importance of health and wellness for lawyers in the legal profession.

The Leadership Development Summit is held on the last day of the G. Lane Ware Leadership Academy to bring both groups together with State Bar leadership and the opportunity to hear the G. Lane Ware Keynote Address.

▶ Diversity Clerkship Program Update

The [Diversity Clerkship Program](#) is kicking off with a soft skills workshop on May 17. Kristen Hardy and Alex Lodge will facilitate the workshop. Twenty-five students and employers are participating in this year's program.

Social Media: A Look at Top Content

Increasingly, our members engage with the State Bar and each other through our social media channels. Join the conversation; connect with us on Facebook, Twitter (@statebarofwi), LinkedIn, and Instagram (@statebarofwi). Here are some recent metrics and examples that demonstrate how social media plays a role in advancing our mission.

Facebook

Posts and metrics from Feb. 9 – Apr. 2, 2023 (compared to period prior)

<p>Fans</p> <p>5.1K</p> <p>1.4%</p> <p>See section</p>	<p>Engagement</p> <p>12K</p> <p>25.2%</p> <p>See section</p>	<p>Impressions</p> <p>978K</p> <p>7.1%</p> <p>See section</p>	<p>Brand awareness</p> <p>101</p> <p>68.3%</p> <p>See section</p>
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Twitter

Posts and metrics from Feb. 9 – Apr. 2, 2023 (compared to period prior)



State Bar of Wisconsin
@StateBarofWI

How to watch today's debate between Wisconsin Supreme Court candidates Daniel Kelly @JusticeDanKelly & Janet Protasiewicz @janetforjustice

@WISCTV_News3 livestream channel3000.com/watch/
YouTube youtube.com/watch?v=cUlapk...

Thanks to WISC-TV & @wispolitics for partnering w/ us!



youtube.com
Wisconsin Supreme Court debate presented by News 3 N...
The two candidates for Wisconsin Supreme Court, former Justice Danel Kelly and Milwaukee County Judge Janet ...

10:50 AM · Mar 21, 2023 · 11.9K Views

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As we celebrate #BlackHistoryMonth 🇺🇸, we asked Emil Ovbiagele @Emil_Esq, founder of @OVBLaw and host of 'Bottom Up,' the State Bar's podcast for new lawyers, to share a Black historical figure that inspires him. 📖 🙌

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State Bar of Wisconsin
@StateBarofWI

Thrilled to welcome Michael Johnson @MJohnsonCEO, president & CEO of @BGCDC, to the Bar Center today! Michael joined us to speak with staff about the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the work that we do. Thank you!

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State Bar of Wisconsin
@StateBarofWI

The State Bar of Wisconsin issued a statement following Gov. Tony Evers' Feb. 15 budget address. The joint statement comes from the State Bar's elected leadership 🙌 📖

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LinkedIn

Posts and metrics from Feb. 9 – Apr. 2, 2023 (compared to period prior)

Followers

5.9K

2.1%

Engagement

5.6K

16.4%

Impressions

80K

-20.1%

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State Bar of Wisconsin
5,856 followers

As we celebrate #BlackHistoryMonth, we asked Atty. Jennifer L. Johnson, Director of Diversity & Inclusion with Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc. and a State Bar Board of Governor, to share how attorneys can become better leaders and what law firms can do to recognize the contributions of Black individuals and culture.

"There are character traits I would hope all lawyers possess: empathy, high ethical standards, and the ability to be strong communicators, to name a few. Those traits are also common amongst great leaders. Lawyers should also own a high sense of self-awareness. As officers of the court and members of a privileged profession, lawyers have a responsibility to themselves and their communities to lead, intentionally or unintentionally, by example.

I acknowledge my responsibility to the younger generations, especially those representing groups who have been historically discriminated against. I also have the honor of serving as a mentor to less experienced attorneys; I love the opportunity to share my experiences and offer advice as they navigate the legal field as members of marginalized groups.

It is important to acknowledge, respect and become educated about Black culture and its history throughout the entire year. If there is not already someone in a DEI leadership role at one's firm, agency, or organization, now would be a great time to create and fill that position."

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At its meeting last Friday, the State Bar's Board of Governors approved an updated bail policy, discussed the budget, and addressed proposed changes to the attorney's oath, among other topics. Read up on the Board's actions. <https://lnkd.in/g/f7p2QhY>.

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Gov. Evers recently announced several proposals for the 2023 biennial budget, including a major initiative to substantially increase state funding for civil legal aid. The State Bar of Wisconsin applauds the Governor's recognition of this unmet need.

In response, State Bar President Margaret Hickey made this statement:

"On behalf of the Board of Governors, the leadership of the State Bar of Wisconsin supports Gov. Evers' proposed appropriation for civil legal aid in Wisconsin and hopes that the legislature gives serious consideration to fully supporting this budget proposal.

Wisconsin has gone far too long without properly funding civil legal aid and this allocation will make a significant impact. Not only does civil legal aid support eligible individuals and families by resolving civil legal issues, but it also has a far-reaching impact on the judicial system. Additional funding not only increases courtroom efficiency by providing attorneys to those in need, but also reduces unnecessary court proceedings, which helps Wisconsin's most vulnerable families.

We applaud Governor Evers for his dedication to this important cause, and again, urge the legislature to support this long-underfunded legal need as well."

Many Wisconsin citizens struggle to find legal representation for housing, employment, and family matters in civil court, and lack the means to hire an attorney. Civil legal aid funding helps ensure fairness for

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1.7K	772	104K	25
2.5%	61.2%	0.9%	56.3%



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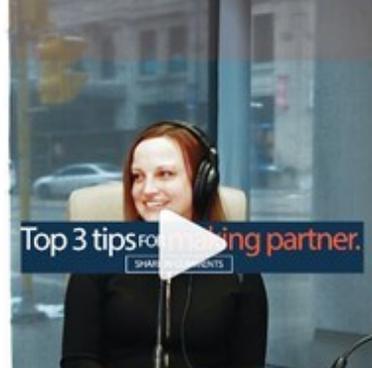
Congratulations to the teams who competed in our Mock Trial regional tournament! 🎉 Did you participate? Share your own photos in the comments! 📷

👏 We hear from the volunteers and coaches who make this experience possible.

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"Prospective students should ask themselves where they will feel well-supported educationally and personally, through their three years of study and beyond, given what they hope to achieve through their legal education," says Marquette University Law School Dean Joseph Kearney. 🗣️

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Larry is on Twitter!

Larry Martin is actively engaging with members and thought-leaders on Twitter (@LarryJMartinED). Connect with him! A selection of his recent tweets are below.

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Proud to count my friend @DeanTokaji a member of @StateBarofWI. Congrats Dan & On Wisconsin! @WisconsinLaw @UWMadison #Badgers

State Bar of Wisconsin @StateBarofWI · Feb 17
Congratulations to @WisconsinLaw Dean Tokaji @DeanTokaji, admitted to the Wisconsin Bar! wicourts.gov/news/thirdbran...

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Come join us!

State Bar of Wisconsin @StateBarofWI · Mar 7
The State Bar will be hosting a Supreme Court debate on Tues, March 21, at 12:30pm. Register to attend by calling 800-444-9404 or by email at rsvp@wisbar.org. Please include your and guests' names, State Bar IDs (if applicable), phone #, and email. wisbar.org/NewsPublicatio...

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Gov. Earl was the personification of all that is best in public service & the legal profession. He brought great dignity & integrity to his service as an atty & public servant. His passing is a great loss. Tony was a dear friend & mentor. I will deeply miss him. @StateBarofWI



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Deeply saddened with passing of @StateBarofWI Past Pres Myron LaRowe. He leaves an enduring legacy to his community & profession. A dear sweet man who leaves many friends & family who will miss his wonderful presence. @Practice411 @SBWRotundaRpt @NABE_News @WisconsinLaw



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The Wisconsin Law Foundation is proud to be @StateBarofWI Mock Trial Program's primary sponsor, thanks to donations & support from attorneys across the state. Good luck to all participants!

State Bar of Wisconsin @StateBarofWI · Mar 3
Good luck to all of the students competing this weekend in the Mock Trial state tournament! 🍀🍀🍀 Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this awesome event possible! 🍀🍀🍀

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This is exactly the kind of bipartisanship we need more of. Thanks Senator Cabral-Guevara and Rep. Snodgrass for your leadership! @StateBarofWI @SBWRotundaRpt @RepSnodgrass

Rep. Lee Snodgrass @RepSnodgrass · Mar 14
Nope, not an April Fool's stunt.

Senator Cabral-Guevara and I are once again hosting a joint listening session on the proposed state budget on April 1.

All are welcome for a respectful "both sides" conversation about what you want to see in the 2023-2025 biennial budget.



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