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Jason A. Reschly — Litigation and Controversy - Tax

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Paul J. Dombrowski — Banking and Finance Law

Richard J. Lewandowski — Environmental Law

## Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Philip J. Halley — Trusts and Estates; Litigation - Trusts and Estates

Eric J. Meier — Litigation - Construction

## Oakland, California

Lisa L. Oberg — Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

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Christopher E. Erblich – Trusts and Estates (2007)

Benjamin J. Kelly – Trusts and Estates (2020)

**CALIFORNIA**

**Los Angeles**

Andrew J. Demetriou – Corporate Law, Health Care Law (2007)

**Oakland**

**Jennifer J. Lee – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants**

Lisa L. Oberg – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2019)

**COLORADO**

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Andrea Austin – Real Estate Law (2021)

**David M. Brenner – Tax Law**

**Jessica Collier – Commercial Litigation**

Bruce A. Fowler – Litigation - Trusts and Estates, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates (2013)

Barbara A. Grandjean – Commercial Litigation, Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2016)

**Ashley W. Jordaan – Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment**

Kevin H. Kelley – Real Estate Law (2015)

Steve N. Levine – Corporate Law (2016)

**Jeffrey M. Miller – Real Estate Law**

Christopher L. Ottele – Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2021)

**ILLINOIS**

**Chicago**

Aron Carnahan – Litigation - Intellectual Property (2023)

Jen L. Dlugosz – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2023)

**Edward P. Gamson Ph.D. – Patent Law**

**Michael Hayes – Commercial Litigation**

**Nicholas S. Legatos – Real Estate Law**

**Philip D. Segrest, Jr. – Patent Law**

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**Boston**

Robert K. Blaisdell – Administrative / Regulatory Law, Health Care Law (2020)

Crystal M. Bloom – Administrative / Regulatory Law, Corporate Law, Health Care Law (2022)

Andrew S. Levine – Health Care Law (2021)

Amanda G. Orcutt – Education Law (2023)

Sean T. Ryan – Health Care Law (2021)

**MISSOURI**

**Jefferson City**

**R. Ryan Harding – Appellate Practice**

Lowell Pearson – Commercial Litigation, Government Contracts, Litigation - Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy) (2018)

Harvey M. Tettlebaum – Health Care Law (2003)

**Kansas City**

James M. Ash – Corporate Law, International Mergers and Acquisitions, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2003)

Edward L. Barker – Health Care Law (2020)

Gary D. Barnes – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy (1997)

Mark T. Benedict – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy (2008)

Kirsten A. Byrd – Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law (2021)

Steven F. Carman – Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2005)

Curt J. Chase – Health Care Law (2007)

## **William Corum – Litigation - Construction**

John J. Cruciani – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy (2009)

Ted J. Dale – Real Estate Law (2022)

Michael D. Fielding – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy (2021)

## **Michael S. Hargens – Commercial Litigation**

## **Tessa K. Jacob – Commercial Litigation**

## **Kris Kappel – Trademark Law**

## **Anna R. Kimbrell – Real Estate Law**

Craig A. Kovarik – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (2009)

Martin M. Loring – Energy Law (2009)

Patricia L. Martin – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (2008)

John D. Moore – Corporate Law, Franchise Law (2023)

Paul F. Pautler, Jr. – Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (1995)

## **Michael T. Raupp – Commercial Litigation**

David B. Raymond – Construction Law, Litigation - Construction, Real Estate Law (2008)

Charles G. Renner – Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2014)

Jason A. Reschly – Litigation and Controversy - Tax, Tax Law (2003)

Christopher J. Rockers – Banking and Finance Law, Equipment Finance Law (2006)

Kirstin P. Salzman – International Mergers and Acquisitions (2019)

## **Megan A. Scheiderer – Commercial Litigation**

Jeffrey J. Simon – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Antitrust, Litigation - Intellectual Property (2010)

Julianne P. Story – Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2021)

Derek T. Teeter – Commercial Litigation (2021)

Cori C. Turner – Health Care Law (2019)

Mark D. Welker – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (1997)

Edward V. Wilson – Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law (2023)

## **Brian J. Zickefoose – Employment Law - Management**

### **Springfield**

David C. Agee – Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Equipment Finance Law (2007)

J. Michael Bridges – Commercial Litigation, Construction Law, Real Estate Law (2019)

Michael Cosby – International Mergers and Acquisitions (2023)

Bryan O. Wade – Land Use and Zoning Law, Media Law (2016)

### **St. Louis**

Craig A. Adoor – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Securities / Capital Markets Law (2007)

Michelle W. Alvey – Copyright Law (2014)

Michael R. Annis – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent (2010)

## **Melissa Z. Baris – Commercial Litigation**

**Steven B. Beshore – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants**

**Elizabeth A. Bozicevic – Commercial Litigation**

Caroline Chicoine – Advertising Law, Trademark Law (2021)

**Daniel S. Cohn – Patent Law, Trademark Law**

Patrick T. Conner – Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Trusts and Estates (2023)

J. Andrew Crossett – Real Estate Law (2021)

**Matthew P. Diehr – Appellate Practice**

**Thomas A. Donaldson – Banking and Finance Law**

Kara R. Fussner -- Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent (2018)

Jonathan W. Giokas – Banking and Finance Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2018)

Josef S. Glynias – Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2022)

**Joseph H. Guffey – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants**

**Catherine L. Hanaway – Commercial Litigation**

Erik L. Hansell – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2023)

Ruth Hays – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (1995)

**Sarah C. Hellmann – Commercial Litigation**

Caroline L. Hermeling – Construction Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation - Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2015)

Courtney L. Hill – Real Estate Law (2018)

Jennifer E. Hoekel – Advertising Law, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent (2014)

William M. Hof – Real Estate Law (2018)

Steven E. Holtshouser – Litigation - Intellectual Property (2018)

Bryan Hopkins – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2023)

David R. Human – Real Estate Law (2015)

Jeffrey B. Jensen – Criminal Defense: White-Collar (2018)

Alan H. Kandel – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law (2010)

Raymond S. Kreienkamp – Tax Law, Trusts and Estates (2007)

Robert Leible – Trusts and Estates (2023)

David B. Lemkemeier – Real Estate Law (2014)

Mark R. Leuchtmann – Trusts and Estates (2001)

David A. Linenbroker – Real Estate Law (2010)

Vicki L. Little – Franchise Law, Litigation - Banking and Finance (2016)

Daisy Manning – Litigation - Intellectual Property (2021)

**Steven F. McCandless – Banking and Finance Law**

Christine F. Miller – Employment Law - Management, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2013)

J.Y. Miller – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2021)

James F. Monafo – Commercial Litigation (2021)

**Christina B. Moore – Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White-Collar**

Brandan P. Mueller – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2022)

Alan S. Nemes – Advertising Law, Copyright Law, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Trademark Law (2005)

Sonni F. Nolan – Employment Law - Management (2017)

Mary Anne O'Connell – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2007)

Joseph C. Orlet – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2013)

Jill M. Palmquist – Trusts and Estates (2016)

Matthew G. Perlow – Nonprofit / Charities Law, Trusts and Estates (2003)

Terry L. Potter – Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Labor Law - Union, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2012)

**Eric J. Rakestraw – Litigation - Patent, Patent Law**

David G. Richardson – Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2007)

JoAnn T. Sandifer – Appellate Practice, Commercial Litigation (2020)

Ernesto R. Segura – Land Use and Zoning Law, Project Finance Law, Real Estate Law (2021)

**Jeffrey D. Sigmund – Litigation - Real Estate, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants**

**Michael J. Silver – Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Tax Law, Trusts and Estates**

Kenneth A. Slavens – Litigation - Construction (2005)

Gregory R. Smith – Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2007)

Melissa K. Smith-Groff – Real Estate Law (2021)

David W. Sobelman – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Securities (2020)

**Dwayne F. Stanley – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants**

James R. Strong – Trusts and Estates (2003)

Rudolph A. Telscher – Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent (2012)

Randall S. Thompson – Employment Law - Individuals, Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Union, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2013)

**Michael J. Tolles – Commercial Litigation**

Robert J. Tomaso – Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2006)



Frans J. von Kaenel – Real Estate Law (2018)

Amy L. Wachs – Environmental Law (2021)

**NEBRASKA**

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Adam N. Charlsen – Real Estate Law (2020)

David E. Gardels – Corporate Law, International Mergers and Acquisitions, International Trade and Finance Law (2005)

**Marnie A. Jensen – Commercial Litigation**

**Grant D. Leach – International Trade and Finance Law**

Victoria H. Sitz – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2021)

**Gene Summerlin – Commercial Litigation**

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**Providence**

Jeffrey F. Chase-Lubitz – Administrative / Regulatory Law, Health Care Law (1995)

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Mount Pleasant**

**Cartwright Bibee – Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law**

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**Chattanooga**

**Michael Alston – Commercial Litigation**

**Steve R. Barrett – Corporate Law**

Alan L. Cates – Litigation - Trusts and Estates, Nonprofit/Charities Law, Trusts and Estates (2003)

Ronald I. Feldman – Real Estate Law (2010)

Patrick K. Shockey – Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2021)

**Mark A. Smith – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants**

**Nashville**

Timothy L. Capria – Copyright Law, Trademark Law (2022)

**TEXAS**

**Austin**

Lynn Hamilton Butler — Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy (2021)

Diane T. Carter – Health Care Law (2021)

**Michael R. Crowe – Health Care Law**

**Brian G. Flood – Criminal Defense: White-Collar, Litigation - Health Care**

Joseph V. Geraci – Health Care Law (2021)

**Racy Haddad – Real Estate Law**

David W. Hilgers – Health Care Law (1997)

Lorinda G. Holloway – Health Care Law (2021)

Eleanor “Cacki” Chote Jewart - Real Estate (2018)

Doug Jones – Tax Law (2022)

Hal S. Katz – Health Care Law (2008)

**James K. McClendon – Health Care Law, Litigation - Health Care**

Nikelle Susanne Meade – Land Use and Zoning Law, Litigation - Land Use and Zoning, Real Estate Law (2018)

Ace Pickens – Health Care Law (1993)

**Chris Reeder – Energy Regulatory Law**

Scott D. Schneider – Education Law, Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management (2016)

**Gregg N. Sofer – Criminal Defense: White-Collar**

Mark Vane – Government Relations Practice (2008)

Thomas H. Watkins – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Environmental, Litigation - Patent (1989)

Robert J. Werner – Real Estate Law (2013)

**Dallas**

Steven S. Camp – Banking and Finance Law (2013)

Chalon N. Clark – Commercial Litigation (2023)

Scott L. Davis – Commercial Litigation (2015)

**Sadie Fitzpatrick – Real Estate Law**

R. Tyler Johnson – Real Estate Law (2021)

**Buffey E. Klein – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law**

Charles W. Morris – Real Estate Law (2003)

David H. Timmins – Insurance Law (2016)

**Tracy Wolf – Employment Law - Management**

**Houston**

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Jeffery T. Nobles – Appellate Practice (2022)

Randall A. Rios – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2016)

**Michael A. Stafford – Real Estate Law**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Richard P. Bonnifield – Energy Law (2015)

Cormac T. Connor – Criminal Defense: White-Collar (2023)

Michael G. Dana – Tax Law (2021)

James J. Hoecker – Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law (2021)

Hal J. Perloff – Litigation - Construction (2020)

Robert D. Stang – International Trade and Finance Law (2023)

Elizabeth T. Thomas – Health Care Law (2010)

Linda L. Walsh – Energy Law, Energy Regulatory Law (2007)

## **WISCONSIN**

### **Madison**

Jon E. Anderson – Education Law, Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2006)

Eugenia G. Carter – Financial Services Regulation Law, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent (2011)

### **Paul Cranley – Litigation - Construction, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants**

Paul J. Dombrowski – Banking and Finance Law, Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2001)

Thomas P. Godar – Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2009)

### **Thomas Heneghan – Commercial Litigation**

Richard J. Lewandowski – Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental (2009)

### **Eric M. McLeod – Commercial Litigation**

### **Bryan K. Nowicki – Health Care Law**

### **Tom O'Day – Employment Law - Individuals**

Meg S.L. Pekarske – Health Care Law (2010)

Thomas N. Shorter – Education Law, Health Care Law (2007)

## **Milwaukee**

**Gabrielle Baumann Adams – Commercial Litigation, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants**

Steven R. Allen – Trusts and Estates (2008)

**Anthony J. Anzelmo – Product Liability Litigation - Defendants**

Bruce G. Arnold – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Health Care Law (2005)

David B. Carr – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2021)

Lydia J. Chartre – Litigation - Construction, Litigation - Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2018)

Smitha Chintamaneni – Construction Law, Litigation - Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2021)

Bradley I. Dallet – Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law (2009)

**David Eckhardt – Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law**

**Erik Eisenmann – Employment Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment**

Jack A. Enea – Corporate Law (2019)

**Jason Fathallah – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Insurance**

**Cynthia G. Fletcher – Banking and Finance Law**

Gregory A. Fontaine – Natural Resources Law (2022)

Daniel B. Geraghty – Litigation and Controversy - Tax (2016)

Philip J. Halley – Litigation - Trusts and Estates, Trusts and Estates (2003)

David C. Hertel – Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2012)

M. Rhett Holland – Trusts and Estates (2018)

William E. Hughes – Employment Law - Management (2014)

Dieter J. Juedes – Commercial Litigation (2021)

Philip R. Koutnik – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Corporate Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2018)

Joshua B. Levy – Construction Law, Litigation - Construction, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2017)

Francis H. LoCoco – Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (2003)

J. Michael Long – Corporate Law (2021)

Ann M. Maher – Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Real Estate (2012)

Eric J. Meier – Construction Law, Litigation - Construction (2016)

Philip J. Miller – Trusts and Estates (2007)

Thomas A. Miller – Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent, Patent Law, Trademark Law (2010)

Daniel J. Miske – Commercial Litigation, Community Association Law, Litigation - Real Estate, Real Estate Law (2012)

Rebecca H. Mitich – Banking and Finance Law, Community Association Law, Real Estate Law (2020)

Tamara Hayes O'Brien – Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, Litigation - Insurance (2013)

**Jennifer M. Olk – Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Trusts and Estates**

Joseph A. Pickart – Litigation and Controversy - Tax, Tax Law (2013)

Timothy H. Posnanski – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy, Litigation - Real Estate (2016)

Geoffrey S. Trotier – Employment Law - Management, Labor Law - Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment (2023)

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