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4th Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium



Kimberly-Clark Corporation's General Counsel Thomas Mielke, Kohl's Corporation's General Counsel Richard Schepp and Quad/Graphics' General Counsel Andrew Schiesl participate in a panel discussion during Godfrey & Kahn's Corporate Counsel Symposium.

Godfrey & Kahn hosted its 4th annual Corporate Counsel Symposium on Thursday, November 11 at Pier Wisconsin in Milwaukee. In-house counsel clients and other firm contacts were invited to this informative symposium addressing some of today's most current issues and challenges facing in-house attorneys.

Godfrey & Kahn attorneys Mike Apfeld, Daniel Flaherty, Art Harrington and Doug Patch spoke on three major topics including: resolving conflicting duties in governmental and corporate compliance, federal and state environmental compliance audit policies and what in-house lawyers should know about upcoming tax law changes. The symposium also featured a panel of three well-respected general counsels from major local corporations to provide insight as to what keeps general counsel up at night and how to handle some common issues. The panel was comprised of Tom Mielke of Kimberly-Clark, Andrew Schiesl of Quad/Graphics and Richard Schepp of Kohl's Corporation and was moderated by Godfrey & Kahn's Dennis Connolly, a shareholder in the firm's Securities Practice Group. Mark Witt, shareholder and member of the firm's Corporate Practice Group, moderated the event while also sharing his insight with these issues.

The symposium was followed by a networking reception with Bartolotta's hors d'oeuvres, while guests enjoyed a 360-degree view of Lake Michigan in the exquisite Pilot House at Pier Wisconsin.

Author Joe Sweeney Speaks to Godfrey & Kahn Associates



Joe Sweeney

In November, Godfrey & Kahn associates attended a presentation given by Joe Sweeney who authored the *New York Times* bestseller, "Networking is a Contact Sport." Sweeney has been a client of Godfrey & Kahn for more than 20 years.

Sweeney is the managing director of Corporate Financial Advisors, LLC in Milwaukee and has built his career around his love for business and sports. He shared his experiences on how he became a master networker by thinking "outside the box" and "paying it forward."

The presentation also included a discussion with John Dickens and Peter Sommerhauser, shareholders in the Corporate Practice Group of Godfrey & Kahn, who have developed strong networking skills throughout their careers as lawyers. The group offered practical advice on how junior attorneys can connect with others very early in their career and develop their skills to become successful networkers. Each shared their successes and failures on developing relationships and demonstrated how networking is about what you can give, not get.

Client Spotlight: General Motors Bankruptcy Case

In December 2009, Brady Williamson, a member of Godfrey & Kahn's Business Finance and Restructuring Practice Group, was appointed as the fee examiner in the General Motors (GM) bankruptcy case in New York City. Godfrey & Kahn, as his legal counsel with significant contributions from Katherine Stadler, Carla Andres, Eric Wilson and Monica Santa Maria, are analyzing the complex and extensive fee requests from GM's law firm and other firms retained in one of the nation's largest bankruptcy cases ever.

It is a noteworthy assignment for Godfrey & Kahn, which is reviewing close to \$100 million in legal fees that other firms are seeking for their work with GM.

Members of the Godfrey & Kahn team are reviewing invoices, documentation for fees and expenses, attending meetings, appearing at hearings in New York and preparing reports for the judge in an effort to make sure everything complies with bankruptcy laws and guidelines set by the New York Southern District bankruptcy court and the U.S. Trustee.

The GM case is expected to conclude next year.

Godfrey & Kahn Hosts Pinstripes & Pinot Events

As a part of the firm's women's initiative, Godfrey & Kahn hosted its Pinstripes & Pinot event for the first time in Madison on November 4 at L'Etoile restaurant. Nearly 100 professional women from Madison attended this inaugural event which featured wine and chocolate pairings from David Bacco Infusion Chocolates. Rochelle Klaskin, shareholder and leader of the firm's Corporate Practice Group in the Madison office helped coordinate the event.

The firm also hosted its 4th annual Pinstripes & Pinot event in Milwaukee on October 14 at Bacchus restaurant. Christine McLaughlin, shareholder and member of the firm's Labor & Employment Practice Group, leads the Women's Leadership Forum and helped coordinate the event. Barbara Gurican, shareholder and member of the firm's Corporate Practice Group, kicked off the event by welcoming the guests and inviting them to network, build connections and enjoy an evening with friends and colleagues. More than 80 area professional women attended the Milwaukee event including clients, referral sources and Godfrey & Kahn female attorneys, managers and directors.

The Pinstripes & Pinot events focus on bringing together local business women for an evening of networking with fine hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. The success of this women's networking event has allowed the firm to expand it to Appleton and Madison for the first time in 2010, as well as the second time in Green Bay and the fourth time in Milwaukee.



Aime Golden of HIRSP Authority networks with Godfrey & Kahn's Claire Finando, Linda Schmidt and Monica Santa Maria during Godfrey & Kahn's Pinstripes & Pinot event at L'Etoile restaurant.

Milwaukee: A City of Interest



Milwaukee was recently featured in an article titled "The New Milwaukee" in the November 2010 online edition of *AAA Living Magazine*. The article highlights revitalized areas such as Milwaukee Street (known for its restaurants) and the Historic Third Ward (known for its galleries, boutiques and the city's public market). In addition, the Harley Davidson Museum, the Milwaukee Art Museum, Discovery World and the AAA Four Diamond-rated Iron Horse Hotel are also featured.

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Milwaukee also recently ranked second of the top 40 largest cities in America on Forbes.com's "America's Most Relaxed Cities" list due to its healthy work-life balance.

Godfrey & Kahn Receives Top Tier Recognition in U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers 2010 Best Law Firms Rankings

Godfrey & Kahn was recognized in the inaugural publication of the 2010 Best Law Firms rankings released by U.S. News Media Group and Best Lawyers. Among all Wisconsin law firms, Godfrey & Kahn garnered the most top tier (Tier 1) rankings for General Commercial Litigation, Mergers & Acquisitions Law and Trusts & Estates Law.

Godfrey & Kahn was also awarded Tier 1 rankings in the following metropolitan areas in Wisconsin: Madison, Milwaukee and the Fox Valley. In all, Godfrey and Kahn was awarded 25 Tier 1 rankings. Additionally, Godfrey & Kahn was ranked nationally in the practice areas of Corporate Law, General Commercial Litigation and Mergers & Acquisitions Law.

"We are grateful that our lawyers and practice areas have received this significant recognition from our peers," said Rick Bliss, managing partner at Godfrey & Kahn. "When added to the list of recognitions we have recently received from Chambers and Partners, Best Lawyers, Super Lawyers and other law ratings services, we believe it reinforces our commitment to providing quality legal services for our clients."

Financial Finesse Series Launches as Part of Women's Leadership Forum

This past year, Godfrey & Kahn helped launch a new luncheon series for women professionals about money and the economy. Along with Godfrey & Kahn, the Financial Finesse luncheon series was presented in partnership with Heartland Advisors, Inc. and Park Bank. This collaboration came together as a result of discussions between Ellen Drought, a shareholder on Godfrey & Kahn's Securities Practice Group, Vinita Paul, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of Heartland Advisors, and Beth Borst, Vice President at Park Bank. The discussions focused on how to offer financial education and networking opportunities to professional women in the community, a need all three recognized. They quickly realized that by pulling together their areas of expertise and tapping into each firm's respective client base, they could offer a diverse educational experience and reach women professionals in many areas of business. "We all recognized that women professionals in our community are a great resource that we need to support. We felt like this would be a great opportunity to provide that support by joining together to offer diverse, timely topics of interest, presented by experts in our respective firms," said Drought.

It seemed like the perfect project for the Godfrey & Kahn's Women's Leadership Forum (WLF) to consider sponsoring. After discussions with Christine Liu McLaughlin, a shareholder on the Labor and Employment Practice Group and the Chair of the WLF Steering Committee, and Drought, Financial Finesse was successfully launched as part of WLF. Financial Finesse fits in well with WLF's goals, such as creating an educational series to assist with leadership development. "Godfrey & Kahn is committed to providing leadership opportunities to its female lawyers, within the firm and within the communities our lawyers serve," said McLaughlin. "Financial Finesse furthers that commitment in a real way by providing educational opportunities planned by, attended by, and supported by women professionals who are untapped

resources for this community's future," continued McLaughlin. "I hope this is just the beginning."

Financial Finesse offered three luncheon seminars in 2010 to over 150 attendees at the Intercontinental Hotel. Heartland Advisors kicked off the series with a presentation about savvy investing through financial reports. Kate Jaworski and Will Nasgovitz of Heartland Advisors discussed how assessing a company's financial statements helps in the investment process, both for professional and personal investing. The next presentation, by David Werner and Kim Schaffer of Park Bank, was entitled "Banking, Bernanke and the Bottom Line." Werner and Schaffer reviewed the credit crisis and the Dodd-Frank financial reform legislation and explained how the banking system is interconnected with the economy. The final program was presented by Tom Shorter, a shareholder in Godfrey & Kahn's Labor and Employment and Health Care Practice Groups. Shorter presented an overview of the U.S. health care system, including how health care costs are borne by various players in the economy, historical milestones such as Medicare and Medicaid, and thoughts about the future of health care under the recent reform legislation.

"On one hand, Financial Finesse provided terrific learning opportunities on major issues. But as a junior female associate, the more important value that the program offered me is the opportunity to start to understand the business landscape in the area, the women involved in these businesses and to interact and learn from women professionals at all different levels of experience," said Michele Racadio, associate at Godfrey & Kahn. "I think events like these and the pro-active steps taken by Godfrey & Kahn and the other businesses create a comfortable community for women professionals to network with and mentor each other and open the door for women at all levels to begin to develop their own, or build up their existing, business networks."

2010 Fellowship in Law Recipients Announced



Alyssa Ricketts and Carolina Rodriguez-Alfaro

Godfrey & Kahn is proud to announce its 2010 Fellowship in Law Recipients: Alyssa Ricketts at the University of Wisconsin and Carolina Rodriguez-Alfaro at Marquette University.

The Fellowship in Law program was established as part of the firm's ongoing diversity initiative and is designed to continue to promote diversity within the student body of the law schools. The program provides a full, three-year scholarship to one student at the University of Wisconsin Law School and one

student at Marquette University Law School. In addition to tuition, recipients are also offered mentoring from Godfrey & Kahn attorneys, as well as a position as a summer associate at the firm. The selection of fellowship recipients is mutually determined by Godfrey & Kahn and the participating universities.

"I am happy to welcome Alyssa and Carolina into the Godfrey & Kahn family," said Rick Bliss, managing partner. "Both recipients are highly deserving, exceptional students and we look forward to helping them as they embark on their journey in law school."

Ricketts is the seventh recipient of the Fellowship in Law at the University of Wisconsin Law School. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor's degree in Legal Studies, Sociology and Political Science, as well as certificates in Criminal Justice, Gender and Women's Studies and African Studies.

Rodriguez-Alfaro is the fifth recipient of the Fellowship in Law at Marquette University Law School. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

A Great Weed-Out at Juneau Park

Members of the Godfrey & Kahn team lent a hand to Juneau Park Friends (JPF) near the Solomon Juneau statue in Milwaukee to weed out invasive buckthorn at the bluff. JPF is a newly organized non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the preservation, enhancement and enjoyment of Juneau Park. Our Godfrey & Kahn volunteers were given some background on the area, along with the vision of what the park will become with the support of downtown area businesses. The volunteers weeded out the buckthorn plants that were first brought here from Europe in the mid-1800s as a popular hedging material.



The volunteers enjoyed the combination of eco-learning and their volunteering experience. Paralegal Kristine Schumann summed up the experience best: "It is a great feeling volunteering in the parks knowing that when you leave, you really have made a visible difference!" For more information, visit www.parkpeoplemke.com.

G&K Wellness Committee

Breast Cancer Awareness

As in years past, Godfrey & Kahn employees opened their hearts in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Employees organized awareness days during the month of October. Homemade baked goods, along with breast cancer awareness trinkets such as nail files, pink ducks, bookmarks, pencils and pens, were made available throughout the firm. All money raised in the Milwaukee office was donated to the West Allis Women's Pavilion — Breast Services Department. All money raised in the Madison office was donated to the Breast Cancer Recovery Foundation to be used as a scholarship for a woman to attend a breast cancer recovery retreat.

Bowl-A-Thon

Every fall Godfrey & Kahn, along with several local businesses, participates in the annual Bowl-A-Thon to raise money for Junior Achievement. In October, a group of Godfrey & Kahn employees, friends and family gathered together to bowl for donations. Employee contributions were very generous and the firm raised more than \$1,500. Everyone had a great time and it was a huge success for Junior Achievement.