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G&K Summer Associate Experiences



Kristin Boyle

Having grown up outside of Wisconsin, I entered the on-campus interview process with no preconceived notions about law firms in the area and with a desire to find a firm where I could build a long career. I was surprised during the interview process by how congenial the Godfrey & Kahn attorneys were in both their interactions with me and each other. The attorneys I met described Godfrey & Kahn as a place where young attorneys are given complex tasks and where questions are always encouraged.

During the summer, my expectations were greatly surpassed. I was given the opportunity to prepare a client update for the Securities team, perform due diligence for a client merger, draft a memo regarding liability for the Litigation team, and research banking regulations in Florida for the Banking and Financial Institutions team. Throughout my assignments, I always felt able to walk into the assigning attorney's office and ask a question. I really feel as though I was given every opportunity to succeed.

Outside of work, there was always time to have fun and get to know the attorneys in a less formal atmosphere. We participated in a cooking challenge, attended a Brewers game, went fishing on Lake Michigan, and spent the day with Chief Justice Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I truly enjoyed my time at Godfrey & Kahn and feel very grateful for the opportunity to learn from such amazing people this past summer.

For the average law student, participating in on-campus interviews and trying to find the right type of summer employment can be a challenging and stressful task, particularly in a struggling economic market. After interviewing with two attorneys from Godfrey & Kahn my 1L year, I knew the firm would be the perfect fit for me. I was drawn in by the sincerity that my interviewers exuded, as well as the distinct culture that I sensed within the firm.



Brittany Grayson

Spending my summer at Godfrey & Kahn was a remarkably fulfilling experience that surpassed any expectations I may have had. Having returned to the firm after completing my second year, I can honestly say that my 2L summer experience has been just as fulfilling. Over the past two summers, I have worked directly with some of Milwaukee's most talented attorneys in various areas of the law, including Real Estate, Securities, Corporate, and Estate Planning. What I have enjoyed most about the assignments is that they are typical of what would be assigned to first-year associates. This has not only given me a sense of accountability that I rarely experience, but has also allowed me to see how my work affects real clients with real needs.

One of the most appealing characteristics of the summer program at Godfrey & Kahn is that it has both professional and social aspects. When I am not working on an assignment or sitting in on a conference call, I might be having lunch with the Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, volunteering at the Hunger Task Force, bowling, or taking a tour of the Harley Davidson Museum. The firm does a great job of diversifying its summer program, providing summer associates with the tools needed to become well-rounded, successful attorneys. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to be a part of the program and I have truly enjoyed being a summer associate at Godfrey & Kahn!

Volunteers at the Hank Aaron State Trail



In July, volunteers from Godfrey & Kahn teamed up with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for a combined restoration effort on Milwaukee's Hank Aaron State Trail (HAST). Shovels, hoes, hand sanitizer, bug spray and sunscreen awaited the group on a very hot Wednesday afternoon. The group planted over 150 native flowers and grasses, weeded out invasive species, and picked up litter. DNR Trail Manager, Melissa Cook, provided a history lesson of the area including Native American influences.

The trail provides a 7-mile continuous connection of dedicated trails and marked roadways between Milwaukee's west end

and the lakefront. The trail enhances the overall quality of urban life by providing opportunities for fitness and recreation, economic growth, and improvements to the environment.

According to the Friends of Hank Aaron website, Hank Aaron was an avid supporter of Milwaukee and his style befit the hard working and appreciative nature of the community. "Over the years, it was often said that...I would have been a much bigger star and made more money in a bigger city like Chicago or New York. That may be so, but I think... Milwaukee was perfect for me. Any player would have been fortunate to play in front of those fans."

Today, Hank Aaron is still impacting the community, lending his name and his support to the creation of the Hank Aaron State Trail. For more information about HAST, go to: www.hankaaronstatetrail.org.

G&K Awarded Top Work Places 2010



The *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* recognized Godfrey & Kahn as a Top Workplace for 2010. Administered by WorkplaceDynamics, LLC in partnership with the Journal Sentinel, the first annual Top Workplace Survey was comprised of 22 extensively researched questions that provide in-depth results and translate across various industries. The survey measures six criteria including management direction, working conditions, and pay and benefits.

To celebrate the success and hard work of its employees, the firm held an ice cream social with ice cream served by the management team. The firm also sponsored a table at an awards breakfast in May.

Pro Bono Spotlight



Maria Kreiter & Maggie Cook

Maria Kreiter and Maggie Cook of the Milwaukee office litigation team recently obtained summary judgment for an otherwise *pro se* litigant in the case captioned *Donovan v. United States*, Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. 08-C-1113.

did not want to contribute a portion of his income to the halfway house. Presented with a Hobson's choice, Donovan remained at the halfway house and then quickly set out to obtain the income collected contrary to the sentencing court's waiver upon his release.

After Donovan attempted numerous *pro se* complaints and motions, the federal civil court requested that Godfrey & Kahn accept appointment as Donovan's counsel.

Donovan sought reimbursement of income collected by a halfway house where he resided at the end of his 212 month prison sentence. Halfway houses generally collect a portion of their residents' income to offset operation costs. In Donovan's case, however, the federal sentencing court had waived any requirement that Donovan pay costs associated with community confinement.

Donovan promptly raised the judicial waiver to the halfway house's attention but was told to return to federal prison if he

Godfrey & Kahn amended Donovan's complaint to assert four causes of action, including a Little Tucker Act claim which proved successful. The government declined to appeal the Court's decision and will now pay Donovan the income it impermissibly collected.

The Court's order granting summary judgment in Donovan's favor thanked Godfrey & Kahn for accepting the *pro bono* appointment and for the excellent representation afforded Donovan.

Women of Influence Award



Godfrey & Kahn was pleased to announce that shareholder Patricia Falb is a recipient of the 2010 Women of Influence Award from *The Business Journal*. Falb was one of 24 women in the Milwaukee area to receive this honor. The awards were presented on June 17th at the Frontier Airlines Center.

Patricia Falb *The Business Journal* received approximately 180 nominations for this award, and chose to recognize 24 recipients in 10 different categories, including family business, mentor, community supporter, non-profit leadership, and behind the scenes. Falb was recognized in the "behind the scenes" category for being a driving force behind the success of Godfrey & Kahn.

This is not the first time Falb has been recognized as a leading Wisconsin woman; she was named Woman of Distinction in Law in 2005 by the *Wisconsin Law Journal*. Additionally, Falb was instrumental in the development of Godfrey & Kahn's Women's Leadership Forum. The forum's goal is to promote leadership, camaraderie and success among the firm's women attorneys while focusing on policies and practices that benefit each employee at Godfrey & Kahn.

Hotline Firm of the Year Award



Bob Dreps & Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson

The firm's Madison office received the "Hotline Firm of the Year Award" from the State Bar of Wisconsin for its outstanding contribution to the Lawyer Hotline, a public service

component of the State Bar's Lawyer Referral and Information Service. With a number of Godfrey & Kahn attorneys contributing personal time to the Lawyer Hotline, the firm has answered around 1,400 calls since the program's inception in 1988.

The Lawyer Hotline provides an invaluable service to Wisconsin citizens by answering basic legal questions. The hotline also helps callers to assess whether they need to hire a lawyer or used the recommended resource information.

G&K Announces 2010 Fall Associates

Tristan S. Breedlove, Georgetown
Marvin C. Bynum II, Marquette
Matthew T. Kemp, Northwestern
Matthew J. Kovacich, Hamline

Andrew C. Landsman, John Marshall
Mathew R. Peterson, Wisconsin
Joy E. Schnackenbeck, Georgetown
Matthew M. Wuest, Wisconsin

G&K Women's Leadership Forum - Pinstripes & Pinot



Kasey Wroblewski, Laura Meronk and Annie Raupp at Wine Premier in Green Bay

In the fall of 2007, Godfrey & Kahn held its inaugural Pinstripes & Pinot event in Milwaukee. The idea behind this event was to provide female clients and friends of the firm an opportunity to enjoy a glass of wine, meet new acquaintances and socialize in a casual setting. The attendance at the event was impressive and the reviews were encouraging. As a result, the firm decided to make this an annual event in Milwaukee and expand it to other office locations throughout the state, providing more clients and friends of the firm the opportunity to participate. The 4th annual event will be held in Milwaukee in the fall of 2010.

On March 4, 2010, the Green Bay office of Godfrey & Kahn sponsored a Pinstripes & Pinot event at the Wine Premier in Green Bay. This event was attended by 37 clients and friends of the firm. The Appleton office followed with its first Pinstripes & Pinot event at the beautiful new Warch Campus Center on the campus of Lawrence University. This event was attended by 71 clients and friends of the firm, including accountants, consultants, business owners, investors, realtors and many others. Both events were a great success and, again, received encouraging reviews from the attendees. Due to the positive response, the firm intends to hold these events on an annual basis going forward.

The Madison office of Godfrey & Kahn will be holding its first Pinstripes & Pinot event in the fall of 2010. The firm is very excited about expanding this event to the Madison area and is busy planning the details. We look forward to seeing all of our Madison area female clients and friends of the firm at this new event.

Bike-to-Work Week



In June, the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin held "Bike-to-Work Week" in Madison and Milwaukee. More than 2,275 people registered as participants in the annual event that encourages businesses and their employees to ride their bikes to work at least one day during the week rather than using a car for transportation.

Registered participants in Bike-to-Work Week:

- Burned 3,606,550 calories;
- Saved \$56,703 in vehicle costs;
- Prevented 41 tons of carbon dioxide emissions;

- Prevented 5,129 pounds of carbon monoxide emissions; and
- Saved 4,192 gallons of gasoline.

Godfrey & Kahn's Madison office was actively involved in Bike-to-Work Week. Eleven of the attorneys, summer associates, and staff commuted to the office by bike at least one day during the week. Those 11 people biked to work an average of 2.5 days during the week, and rode an average of 27.5 miles to and from the office during the week. Godfrey & Kahn's Madison office had the largest participation by any law firm in the state.

Godfrey & Kahn also offered financial support for Bike to Work Week, sponsoring a Commuter Bike Workshop at which Madison office shareholder Doug Poland and President of Downtown Madison, Inc. Susan Schmitz provided tips for bike commuting.

G&K Participates in Leadership Day of Action



This summer, Godfrey & Kahn attorneys and summer associates volunteered in the United Way of Greater

Milwaukee's Leadership Day of Action. A number of volunteers from the Milwaukee area business community spent the day planting flowers and mulching garden beds at COA Youth & Family Centers on the north side of Milwaukee. Danielle Machata, a shareholder on the Firm's corporate team, was one of the leaders of the volunteer effort. She is part of United Way of Greater Milwaukee's Emerging Leaders program which began in 2006 to

connect young leaders to the community. The Emerging Leaders are a diverse group of individuals under 45 years of age who make a Leadership Level contribution to United Way and opt in to the Emerging Leaders Program.

COA Youth & Family Services helps bring children, teens, and families together to reach their greatest potential by participating in educational, recreational, and social work programs offered at its urban community centers and rural camp facility. In addition, the volunteers donated flashlights, sunscreen, insect repellent and sleeping bags to the COA youth to help provide a meaningful camp experience. Godfrey & Kahn was the sponsor of the event.

G&K Wellness Committee

Summer Walking Program

In June, the Wellness Committee kicked off Godfrey & Kahn's Summer Walking Program. The six-week program offered daily walking goals which increased each week. Participants who reached the fifth week of the program were entered into a drawing for a chance to win additional paid time off hours (PTO). The first place prize was one full day of PTO and the second place prize was a half day of PTO.

Blood Drive

In July, Godfrey & Kahn had many heroes sign up for the Wellness Committee's Blood Drive. When work and vacation schedules made it difficult for some volunteers to donate, many first-time donors responded to the call. Twenty-three units of blood were received. Because of G&K's efforts and kind donations, we gave another birthday, another laugh, another hug and another chance to 69 patients in our community!