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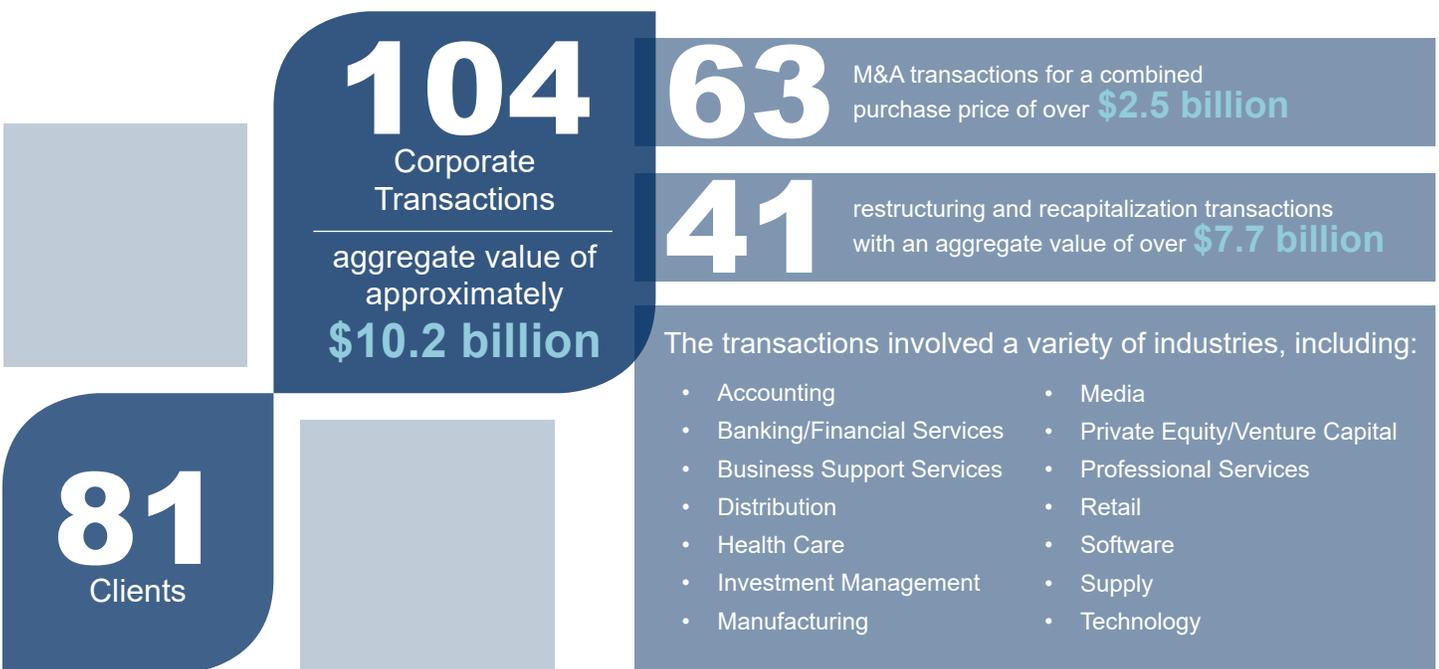
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## A Continued Reputation for Opening Doors and Closing Deals

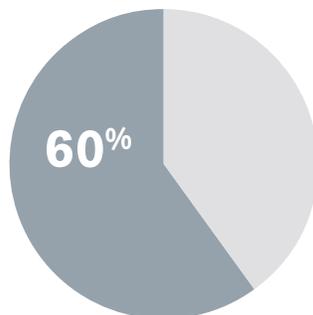
Godfrey & Kahn has one of the strongest corporate teams in Wisconsin. We have earned the reputation as highly effective deal makers through substantial transactions such as asset and equity acquisitions and divestitures, private equity fund investments and debt equity financing. Our clients and peers describe our corporate/M&A practice as “pragmatic and business-oriented, providing a high level of service.”

### So, what was Godfrey & Kahn's deal in 2018?

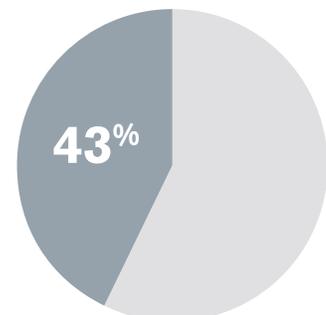


### Who do we serve?

60% OF THE  
**TOP PUBLIC**  
COMPANIES IN  
WISCONSIN\*



43% OF THE  
**TOP PRIVATE**  
COMPANIES IN  
WISCONSIN\*



\*According to "The Book of Lists" published by the Milwaukee Business Journal in 2018

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## Maggie Cook Named a 2019 “Leader in the Law” by *Wisconsin Law Journal*

Godfrey & Kahn is pleased to announce that Maggie Cook has been named a 2019 “Leader in the Law” by the Wisconsin Law Journal.



Maggie Cook

The annual awards program recognizes the top judges, attorneys and legal professionals making a difference in Wisconsin’s legal community. Honorees were chosen from nominations submitted by their peers and were recognized at a reception Feb. 21 at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts.

Cook is a member of the Litigation Practice Group. She maintains an active labor and employment litigation practice and has experience representing businesses in class action, discrimination, wage and hour, non-compete, and trade secret theft matters. Cook also has significant experience representing businesses in real estate and construction litigation, in addition to general commercial contract actions and business torts. She has obtained successful outcomes for clients in state and federal trial and appellate courts and before various administrative agencies.

Cook is a regular volunteer at the Marquette Mobile Legal Clinic and serves on the Board of Directors for the Milwaukee Bar Association. She also served as the firm’s Summer Associate Committee Chair the past two summers. Cook received her J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Wisconsin Law School. ■

## New Fellowship in Law Recipients Announced

Godfrey & Kahn is pleased to announce its Fellowship in Law recipients, Alexis Leonard at the University of Wisconsin and Xavier Jenkins at Marquette University. Leonard is the 15th recipient of the Godfrey & Kahn Fellowship in Law at Wisconsin. She graduated from Cornell University in May 2016 with a B.S. from the School of Industrial & Labor Relations. She also has a minor in Business and Law & Society. Leonard was a paralegal at Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP in New York prior to starting law school. Jenkins is the 13th recipient of the Godfrey & Kahn Fellowship in Law at Marquette. He received a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science in May 2018 from Marquette University. Both Leonard and Jenkins will join the firm’s 2019 summer associate program.



Alexis Leonard



Xavier Jenkins

The Fellowship in Law 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 after their first year of law school. The selection of fellowship recipients is mutually determined by Godfrey & Kahn and the participating universities. The 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.

This past fall, Ashley Smith, who was the 10th Godfrey & Kahn fellow at Marquette University, joined the firm as an associate on the Corporate team in the Milwaukee office. Recent Fellowship in Law recipients, Jasmin Elhindi and Octavio Barretto from the University of Wisconsin, and Khatija Choudhry and Mercedes de la Rosa from Marquette University, participated in the firm’s 2018 summer associate program. Elhindi and Choudhry are finishing their third year of law school and both will be joining the firm as associates later this year.

*“Receiving the Godfrey & Kahn Fellowship has changed my law school career in a number of ways. Throughout my 1L year, I was supported by the attorneys at the firm and I always knew I could reach out to someone if I needed any guidance. Spending my 1L summer with Godfrey & Kahn as a summer associate allowed me to explore different areas of the law and learn how to apply what I learned in the classroom to real world practice.”*

– Jasmin Elhindi ■

## Godfrey & Kahn Hosts 30th Annual Labor & Employment Law Seminars

In February and March, Godfrey & Kahn’s Labor & Employment Law Practice Group hosted their 30th annual Labor & Employment Law seminar, aimed to serve the needs of executives, human resource professionals, in-house counsel and front-line supervisors. The topics at the seminars included “2019 Labor & Employment Law Update,” “The Unexpected Visitor: An Employer’s Guide to Interaction with Law Enforcement and Preparing for Government Audits, Raids and Inspections” and “What’s Reasonable? Leave as an Accommodation.”

More than 400 attendees from around Wisconsin participated in the 2019 seminars. The three seminars were held at the Lambeau Field Atrium in Green Bay, The Edgewater Hotel in Madison and the Pavilion at Discovery World in Milwaukee. ■

## Taking Steps to Support the American Lung Association



Godfrey & Kahn's 2019 Climb Team

This year's American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climb, held at the U.S. Bank Center in Milwaukee on March 9, 2019, was not only the #1 Climb in the nation for the 7th year in a row, but the biggest climb ever! Climbers took on 1,034 steps (47 floors) and the event raised more than \$753,000 in total. In addition to sponsoring the event for the 7th consecutive year, the firm recruited attorneys, staff, family members and friends to volunteer for the event and form two teams to climb, which collectively raised over \$20,000. Godfrey & Kahn was once again the top fundraising law firm.

The Fight for Air Climb is one of the American Lung Association's signature fundraising events. The unique event is hosted in prominent skyscrapers across the country and challenges participants as they walk or race up hundreds of steps. Milwaukee's Fight For Air Climb has grown to be the largest in the United States, both in terms of the amount of money raised and the number of climbers. Funds raised at the events directly support research, education and patient programs to help the millions of Americans impacted by asthma, COPD, lung cancer, air pollution and other lung health issues.

Chris Cahlamer, shareholder and chair of the firm's Investment Management Practice Group, is a Board Member for the American Lung Association's Upper Midwest Region and serves as Chairman of the Local Leadership Board for the American Lung Association in Wisconsin. The American Lung Association is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through research, education and advocacy. ■

## Godfrey & Kahn in the Community

Godfrey & Kahn Giving kicked off 2019 by creating an Annual Giving Schedule. Each month features a local organization, their mission and a Milwaukee office-wide service activity. All employees have the opportunity to give their time, talent or resources as often as they choose and engage with organizations they find important.

So far in 2019, we have donated food to the Hunger Task Force, packed lunches for Kathy's House and hosted a "diaper drive" for LaCausa. We are looking forward to learning more about the good work these organizations do for our community.

### Martin Luther King, Jr. days of service

Godfrey & Kahn held its annual week of service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with four different events scheduled over three days in three office locations. Over 25 volunteers helped give back to the community by donating their time and energy.

### The Gathering

The Gathering strives to feed the hungry in mind, body and spirit. The organization provides mental health and medical assistance to those in need. In addition, they provide meals to the hungry 10-11 times a week. Our dedicated group of employees spent the morning with meal preparation, set-up, serving and clean-up. We are proud that this event has grown steadily each year and continues to be an opportunity to make a direct impact on the community.

### Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House has a number of programs to help families who are going through stressful times. Godfrey & Kahn was happy to pull double duty this year by helping out with

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## Godfrey & Kahn is Pleased to Announce Our 2019 Summer Associates

Our Summer Associate Program is our most important tool for hiring new associates. The goal of the program is to give summer associates the opportunity to experience life working as an associate at Godfrey & Kahn. Consistent with this goal, summer associates are given meaningful assignments from a variety of practice areas within the firm. Our Summer Associate Program has a demonstrated record of success. Law students develop tangible skills, gain valuable experience and leave their internship with a realistic view of whether a career as an attorney at Godfrey & Kahn is right for them. It is our hope that all of our summer associates will go on to become successful attorneys right here at Godfrey & Kahn. ■

### 2019 Summer Associates:

Joshua Bernstein	2L	Marquette University
Sara Flaherty	2L	Marquette University
Katie Gresham	2L	University of Wisconsin

Xavier Jenkins	1L	Marquette University
Alexis Leonard	1L	University of Wisconsin
Sarah Mueller	2L	Marquette University
Olivia Robinson	2L	Marquette University

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### Ronald McDonald House

preparing both lunch and dinner for house guests. The Lunch-2-Go Program provides a quick, on-the-go bag lunch for families to take with them while traveling between Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House accommodations. Our volunteers were able to perfect their assembly line skills to compile many lunches for the families in need of a meal during the day.

The dinner program at Ronald McDonald House provides families who stay there with a warm evening meal. While very appreciative, the majority of the guests see tacos, spaghetti or pizza on a regular basis. Our dinner crew took on the challenge to give them something different and took to the grill in January. The weather cooperated for the outdoor crew to cook burgers and brats, while the indoor crew did the heavy lifting of preparing the five sides and a dessert. The meal brought smiles to the many families going through tough times. One house guest was so thrilled to have warm sweet potato fries that she came back for thirds!

### Giving back in Green Bay and Appleton

For a second year in a row, the Green Bay and Appleton offices chose the New Community Shelter in Green Bay for its 2019 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Service Project. Employees donated items and made monetary contributions to the meal which consisted of ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit, applesauce, dinner rolls, pickles, olives, cookies and ice cream cups. More than a dozen Godfrey & Kahn volunteers purchased, prepared and served 134 meals at the shelter on January 31, 2019, making a difference in the Green Bay community. ■



Godfrey & Kahn volunteers at the New Community Shelter



Left to right: Daniel Blinka, Shannon Braun and Jonathan Smies

Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. is pleased to announce the election of Dan Blinka, Shannon Braun and Jonathan Smies as the firm's newest shareholders.

**Daniel Blinka** is a member of the Litigation, Government Investigations and White Collar & Compliance Practice Groups in the firm's Milwaukee office. His practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, government enforcement actions and internal investigations. Blinka's civil litigation experience includes a wide variety of matters in state and federal courts throughout the United States where he represents clients involved in matters that stem from mergers and acquisitions, theft of proprietary information, fraudulent transfers, embezzlement, professional liability and breach of contract.

**Shannon Braun** is a member of the Estate Planning, Estate & Trust Administration Practice Group in the Milwaukee office. She works closely with her clients to help them achieve their financial goals while minimizing certain tax risks. Braun represents a diverse client base that includes owners of closely held businesses, philanthropists and high net-worth individuals. She regularly provides legal advice on matters involving succession planning, sophisticated charitable giving, wealth transfer techniques, estate and gift taxation, fiduciary income taxation, marital property agreements and probate and trust administration.

**Jonathan Smies** is a member of the Litigation Practice Group in the Green Bay office. Smies' practice is focused on complex business litigation, including contract disputes, intellectual property, product liability, commercial torts, employment, real estate, insurance coverage and dealership disputes before federal and state courts and arbitral tribunals. ■

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