

# THE VERDICT TOP LAWYERS

*The verdict is in: Madison Magazine's 2009 Top Lawyers* peer survey reveals who the legal eagles in our community would turn to if they needed some advice. With more than 2,300 Dane County lawyers in thirty-eight specialties, we wanted to know: who can you turn to in a time of need?

## Administrative Law

**Henry Gempeler**

*Foley & Lardner*

**Donald Bach**

*DeWitt Ross & Stevens*

**Carl Sinderbrand**

*Axley Brynelson*

**Thomas Wilson**

*Town of Westport attorney*

## Adoption Law

**Michele Perrault**

*DeWitt Ross & Stevens*

**Theresa L. Roetter**

*Hill, Glowacki,*

*Jaeger & Hughes*

**Judith Sperling Newton**

*The Law Center for*

*Children and Families*

**Ruth Westmont**

*Westmont & Congo*

*Law Offices*

## Alternate Dispute Resolution Mediation

**Mark Frankel**

*formerly of Godfrey & Kahn*

*(now Frankel ADR)*

**Marie Stanton**

*Hurley, Burish & Stanton*

**John Mitby**

*Axley Brynelson*

**Hon. Angela Bartell**

*Dane County Circuit Court*

## Appellate Litigation

**Michael Van Sicklen**

*Foley & Lardner*

**Ken Axe**

*Lathrop & Clark*

**David Rohrer**

*Lathrop & Clark*

## Banking/Financial Services Law

**John Knight**

*Boardman Law Firm*

**Jerry McAdow**

*Lathrop & Clark*

**Frank Sutherland**

*Lathrop & Clark*

**Richard Petershack**

*Axley Brynelson*

# The Verdict Top Lawyers

## Bankruptcy Law

**Denis Bartell**  
*DeWitt Ross & Stevens*

**Patricia Gibeault**  
*Axley Brynelson*

**Ann Ustad Smith**  
*Michael Best & Friedrich*

**Michael Kepler**  
*Kepler & Peyton*

## Business Law

**Jerry McA Dow**  
*Lathrop & Clark*

**Frank Sutherland**  
*Lathrop & Clark*

**Gregory J. Lynch**  
*Michael Best & Friedrich*

**Blaine Renfert**  
*Foley & Lardner*

## Civil Rights Discrimination Law

**Michael Fox**  
*Fox & Fox*

**Jeff Scott Olson**  
*The Jeff Scott Olson  
Law Firm*

**Ron Kotnik**  
*Lathrop & Clark*

**David Rohrer**  
*Lathrop & Clark*

**Robert Gingras**  
*Gingras, Cates & Luebke*

## Commercial Litigation

**Jim Cole**  
*Quarles & Brady*

**Ken Axe**  
*Lathrop & Clark*

**Don Heaney**  
*Lathrop & Clark*



Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson is the recipient of 14 honorary doctorate of law degrees.

## Construction Law

**Brian Mullins**  
*Axley Brynelson*

**Bill Fahey**  
*Lathrop & Clark*

**Mike Lawton**  
*Lathrop & Clark*

**William McCardell**  
*DeWitt Ross & Stevens*

**Carl Sinderbrand**  
*Axley Brynelson*

## Consumer Law

**Stephen Meilli**  
*University of Wisconsin  
Law School*

**Peter Richter**  
*Stroud, Willink  
& Howard*

**Jeffrey Archibald**  
*Archibald Consumer  
Law Offices*

**Robert Pasch**  
*Murphy Desmond*

## Criminal Law—Defense

**Steve Hurley**  
*Hurley, Burish & Stanton*

**Christopher  
Van Wagner**  
*Van Wagner & Wood*

**Stephen Meyer**  
*Meyer Law Office*

## Criminal Law— Prosecution

**Brian Blanchard**  
*Dane County District Attorney's  
Office Adult Division*

**Ann Sayles**  
*Dane County District Attorney's  
Office Adult Division*

**Timothy Verhoff**  
*Dane County District Attorney's  
Office Adult Division*

## Education Law

**Michael Julka**  
*Lathrop & Clark*

**Shana Lewis**  
*Lathrop & Clark*

**Tom Shorter**  
*Godfrey & Kahn*

## Elder Law

**James Jaeger**  
*Hill, Glowacki, Jaeger  
& Hughes*

**Marilyn Crowley**  
*Crowley & Associates*

**Jeff Clark**  
*Lathrop & Clark*

**David Uphoff**  
*Lathrop & Clark*

## Election Campaign Finance/Political Law

**Michael Wittenwyler**  
*Godfrey & Kahn*

**Brady Williamson**  
*Godfrey & Kahn*

**Eric McLeod**  
*Michael Best & Friedrich*

**Michael Leffell**  
*Foley & Lardner*

**Raymond Carey**  
*Foley & Lardner*

## Employee Benefits Law

**Brian Anderson**  
*Wisconsin Lawyers Mutual  
Insurance Co.*

**Christopher Berry**  
*Foley & Lardner*

**Robert Schwab**  
*Stroud, Willink & Howard*

## Environmental Law

**Todd Palmer**  
*DeWitt Ross & Stevens*

**Linda H. Bochert**  
*Michael Best & Friedrich*

**Paul Kent**  
*Anderson & Kent*

**Charles "Buck" Sweeney**  
*Axley Brynelson*

## Family Divorce Law

**Steven Bach**  
*Cullen Weston Pines  
& Bach*

**Stephan Beilke**  
*Murphy Desmond*

**Marta Meyers**  
*Boardman Law Firm*

**Michele Perreault**  
*DeWitt Ross & Stevens*

## Healthcare Law

**Brian Purtell**  
*Wisconsin Health  
Care Association*

**Thomas Shorter**  
*Godfrey & Kahn*

**Sarah Coyne**  
*Quarles & Brady*

**David J. Hanson**  
*Michael Best & Friedrich*

**Robert J Lightfoot II**  
*Murphy Desmond*

## Immigration Law

**Linda Clifford**  
*Linda Clifford Law Office*

**Irene Wren**  
*Wren & Gateways  
Law Group*

**Anita Soronsen**  
*Foley & Lardner*

## Intellectual Property Law

**Charles Sara**  
*DeWitt Ross & Stevens*

**Teresa J. Welch**  
*Michael Best & Friedrich*

**Craig Fieschko**  
*DeWitt Ross & Stevens*

**Steve Roe**  
*Lathrop & Clark*

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## Juvenile Law

**Jodie Rohrer**  
Dane County District Attorney's  
Office Juvenile Division

**Steve Hurley**  
Hurley, Burish & Stanton

**Michele Perreault**  
DeWitt Ross & Stevens

## Labor Employment Law

**Daniel Kaplan**  
Foley & Lardner

**Stephen DiTullio**  
DeWitt Ross & Stevens

**Mike Julka**  
Lathrop & Clark

**David Rohrer**  
Lathrop & Clark

## Help on the Home Front

Madison lawyers are doing their part to help Wisconsin's veterans. This year the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office, in coordination with the University of Wisconsin Law School, the Lieutenant Governor's office and the VA Medical Center, began work on a program that will provide specifically tailored legal assistance to returning veterans.

The Wisconsin Veterans Intervention Program offers assistance to military veterans on all levels of engagement with the criminal justice system. For instance, the Holistic Program, built in collaboration with the Frank J. Remington Center at the UW Law School, provides a broad network of legal support on a variety of issues such as employment, divorce and other family law matters.

The Treatment Court and Diversion Program creates a court system in the Madison area where veterans' cases can be heard with sensitivity and consideration to their individual circumstances. Treatment courts exist throughout the country and are designed to be uniquely informed on veteran issues, including post-traumatic stress disorder. These courts also often substitute prison sentences with treatment and rehabilitation services.

The third component of the VIP, the Institutional Treatment Program, serves those already placed in correctional facilities or individuals on probation or parole. The program will provide institutionalized veterans with treatment, counseling and legal representation and assist them as they re-enter society after serving their sentences.

The VIP also emphasizes education throughout the criminal justice system, so that as a state Wisconsin can better handle our service men and women's often difficult returns home. — *Jack Zeller*



## Landlord-Tenant Law

**Jay Koritzinsky**  
Koritzinsky & Karls

**Paul Johnson**  
Lathrop & Clark

**Josh Kopp**  
Lathrop & Clark

## Medical Malpractice Law—Defense

**Daniel Rottier**  
Habush Habush & Rottier

**Eric Farnsworth**  
DeWitt Ross & Stevens

**Michael Davis**  
DeWitt Ross & Stevens

## Medical Malpractice Law—Plaintiff

**Eric Farnsworth**  
DeWitt Ross & Stevens

**Daniel Rottier**  
Habush Habush & Rottier

**Claude Covelli**  
Boardman Law Firm

## Municipal Law

**Lawrence Bechler**  
Murphy Desmond

**Mike Lawton**  
Lathrop & Clark

**Michael Christopher**  
DeWitt Ross & Stevens

## Personal Injury Law—Defense

**Ward Richter**  
Bell, Gierhart & Moore

**Claude Covelli**  
Boardman Law Firm

**Michael Crooks**  
Peterson, Johnson & Murray

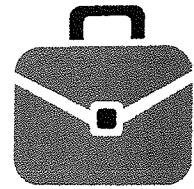
## Personal Injury Law—Plaintiff

**Michael Davis**  
DeWitt Ross & Stevens

**Eric Farnsworth**  
DeWitt Ross & Stevens

**Daniel Rottier**  
Habush Habush & Rottier

**Michael Riley**  
Axley Brynolson



Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice N. Patrick Crooks is married with six children—five of whom are lawyers.

## Public Interest Law

**Henry Gempeler**  
Foley & Lardner

**Jeff Scott Olson**  
The Jeff Scott Olson Law Firm

**Ed Garvey**  
Garvey McNeil & McGillivray

## Government/Public Policy Law

**Ronald Kuehn**  
DeWitt Ross & Stevens

**Jordan Lamb**  
DeWitt Ross & Stevens

**Mike Wittenwyler**  
Godfrey & Kahn

## Real Estate Law

**Jesse Ishikawa**  
Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren

**Mike Lawton**  
Lathrop & Clark

**Jeff Clark**  
Lathrop & Clark

**Harvey Temkin**  
Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren

## Securities Law

**Anne Ross**  
Foley & Lardner

**Stephen Morgan**  
Murphy Desmond

**Jeff Bartell**  
Quarles & Brady

**Terry Nelson**  
Foley & Lardner