

# WISCONSIN

## Leading litigation firms

### Highly Recommended

Foley & Lardner

Liebmann Conway Olejniczak & Jerry

Michael Best & Friedrich

Quarles & Brady

### Recommended

Godfrey & Kahn

Kravit Hovel & Krawczyk

Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren

Stafford Rosenbaum

von Briesen & Roper

## Local litigation stars

### Paul Benson

Michael Best & Friedrich  
Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Intellectual Property,  
Personal Injury, Products Liability

### Donald Best

Michael Best & Friedrich  
Intellectual Property

### Steven Biskupic

Michael Best & Friedrich  
Complex Commercial Litigation, Health Law

### Michael Bowen

Foley & Lardner  
Appellate, Distribution and Franchise Litigation

### George Burnett

Liebmann Conway Olejniczak & Jerry  
Commercial Litigation, Employment Litigation,  
Insurance, Intellectual Property, Personal Injury

### Daniel Busch

Michael Best & Friedrich  
Commercial Litigation, Education Law

### Brian Butler

Stafford Rosenbaum  
Antitrust, Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property,  
Products Liability

### Jon Christiansen

Foley & Lardner  
Antitrust, Appellate, Construction Litigation, Distribution  
and Franchise Litigation, Energy Litigation

### James Clark

Foley & Lardner  
Antitrust, Commercial Litigation, Products Liability

### Gregory Conway

Liebmann Conway Olejniczak & Jerry  
Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury

### Frank Daily

Quarles & Brady  
Products Liability

### Scott Hansen

Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren  
Environmental Law, Products Liability

### Stephen Kravit

Kravit Hovel & Krawczyk  
Appellate, Commercial Litigation, Employment Law,  
Fraud, Insurance, Securities

### David Krutz

Michael Best & Friedrich  
Construction Litigation

### Beth Kushner

von Briesen & Roper  
Antitrust, Complex Commercial Litigation, Fraud,  
Products Liability

### Jonathan Margolies

Michael Best & Friedrich  
Intellectual Property

### David Peterson

Godfrey & Kahn  
Commercial Litigation, Employment Litigation, Products  
Liability

### Ian Pitz

Michael Best & Friedrich  
General Civil Litigation

### John Scheller

Michael Best & Friedrich  
Intellectual Property

### Donald Schott

Quarles & Brady  
Appellate, Commercial Litigation, Health Law, Securities

### James Troupis

Michael Best & Friedrich  
Antitrust, Intellectual Property, Products Liability

### Daniel Vaccaro

Michael Best & Friedrich  
White Collar Crime

### Eric Van Vugt

Quarles & Brady  
Complex Commercial Litigation, Insurance, Products  
Liability

### Brady Williamson

Godfrey & Kahn  
Appellate

## Future stars

Steven Berryman  
Quarles & Brady

Patrick Brennan  
von Briesen & Roper

Maksim Chester  
Foley & Lardner

Drew Cochrane  
Stafford Rosenbaum

Chuck Crueger  
Michael Best & Friedrich

Paul Hunter  
Foley & Lardner

Cristina Hernandez-Malaby  
Quarles & Brady

Jonathan Ingrisano  
Godfrey & Kahn

David Weber  
Liebmann Conway Olejniczak & Jerry

Roxana Wizorek  
Godfrey & Kahn



# Wisconsin

**W**ith home foreclosures in Wisconsin skyrocketing as the global economy cratered, the State Legislature took action aimed at protecting tenants' rights by enacting the Residential Tenants in Foreclosure Act in March 2009. The Act requires that tenants be notified at various stages of a foreclosure action, allows tenants to retain rent for their last month in possession of the property, and permits tenants to remain in possession for up to two months after confirmation of sale.

## Highly recommended firms

### Foley & Lardner

Foley & Lardner has been headquartered in Milwaukee for 165 years, and continues to serve the Badger State's legal needs through this office as well as another office in the key market of Madison. The firm has also expanded considerably, with 19 other offices on three continents. "They've come a long way, and they are getting the attention they deserve," observes one local peer. In August 2009 the firm was sued by a patent-holding firm for alleged breach of contract, misappropriation of trade secrets, and contract interference.

In the Milwaukee office, **Michael Bowen** concentrates on commercial litigation and arbitration at both the trial and appellate levels. His other key practice areas include lender liability, constitutional challenges to land use regulation, and appellate work.

### Liebmann Conway Olejniczak & Jerry

Green Bay-based Liebmann Conway Olejniczak & Jerry makes its debut as a highly recommended firm this year. Peers describe Liebmann as "the premier Green Bay go-to firm, without question." Formed in 1976, the firm remains small but, according to local competitors, they are "impressive and have cornered the market in their niche area." The firm employs 22 attorneys, and prides itself on a "hands-on approach" in dealing with clients.

**George Burnett** practices general litigation and often takes matters to trial in federal court. He concentrates on commercial, intellectual property, personal injury, workers compensation, employment, civil rights, real estate, and insurance coverage litigation. Peers also point to **Gregory Conway**, who concentrates on corporate litigation. He counsels corporations on litigation avoidance, and prosecutes and defends business, commercial, and personal injury claims.

### Michael Best & Friedrich

Founded in 1848, Michael Best & Friedrich has earned a reputation as a leading law firm in the Midwest. Approximately 230 attorneys serve clients from the firm's offices in Milwaukee, Madison, Waukesha and Manitowoc, Wisconsin and Chicago, Illinois.

The firm provides a full range of legal services locally, regionally, nationally and globally.

In the Milwaukee office, **Paul Benson** focuses on products liability and personal injury litigation, general commercial litigation, toxic tort litigation, intellectual property and insurance litigation. Described as a "top-notch lawyer" by competitors, **Steven Biskupic** practices complex litigation with an emphasis on business disputes involving regulatory and other governmental actions.

In Madison, peers refer to **James Troupis** as a "premier lawyer" for his civil trial and appellate practice. Competitors call **Ian Pitz** "the smartest litigator in the state" for his diverse practice which includes litigating product liability, eminent domain, contract and trade secret disputes. Peers call **Donald Best** an "extremely good intellectual property lawyer."

### Quarles & Brady

National firm Quarles & Brady was founded in Milwaukee 115 years ago and has amassed 450 lawyers practicing from its offices in Chicago, Illinois; Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Naples, Florida; and Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona. Wisconsin lawyers tout the firm's local reputation as "very good, and we've had good experiences with them." A full-service firm, Quarles & Brady has met the demand for increased litigation services by adding ten partners in 2009 alone.

While the firm has added new talent across its various offices, almost all Wisconsin peers continue to praise **Frank Daily**, who one competitor calls "clever, intuitive, and an outstanding lawyer." Another peer says "he knows how to win without being abrasive." Daily is a senior partner in the Milwaukee office, where he specializes in trying major products liability cases and heads the firm's national products liability practice.

## Recommended firms

### Godfrey & Kahn

Founded in 1957, Godfrey & Kahn has grown to include more than 180 attorneys in seven offices including locations in Milwaukee, Madison, Appleton, Green Bay and Waukesha, Wisconsin, Washington, D.C., and Shanghai, China. A client describes

the firm as "very reliable and very efficient. We are very cost-conscious and we never had to worry once about getting bang for our buck with Godfrey." In the Madison office, **David Peterson** litigates a wide variety of commercial and constitutional disputes, with an emphasis on intellectual property litigation. In 2008, he was part of a team defending Atlantic Richfield in a products liability suit alleging that the elevated level of lead in the plaintiff's blood was caused by ingestion of lead-based paint manufactured by the defendant. The case was dismissed and is currently on appeal.

### Kravit Hovel & Krawczyk

Milwaukee boutique Kravit Hovel & Krawczyk engages in a unique practice that it has dubbed "aggravated litigation(tm)": a trademarked term that the firm applies to any potentially catastrophic high-stakes litigation requiring aggressive, experienced practitioners. **Steven Kravit** has considerable experience in business fraud litigation, securities fraud, employment law, insurance, white-collar crime, and appellate litigation.

### Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren

Originating in 1894, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren has grown from its Milwaukee headquarters to include offices in other key Wisconsin markets like Madison, Waukesha and Rockford. Peers mention **Scott Hansen**, who chairs Reinhart's Litigation Practice and is a member of the Product Distribution and Franchise Team. He relies on nearly three decades of intellectual property experience in resolving and preventing disputes between competitors and among businesses operating within the same supply or distribution chain.

### Stafford Rosenbaum

With offices in Madison and Brookfield, Stafford Rosenbaum operates with an experienced team of 28 attorneys. **Brian Butler** litigates a broad range of substantive claims, including antitrust, lender liability, intra-corporate disputes, products liability, contract disputes, defamation, legal malpractice, insurance coverage, conversion of intellectual property, breach of fiduciary duty, building construction, and civil rights. One peer lauds Butler as "someone I have a great deal of respect for, very good, and extremely professional."

### von Briesen & Roper

Founded in 1904, Milwaukee-based von Briesen & Roper has enjoyed continued growth. The firm today is more than 100 lawyers strong and the seventh largest law firm in Wisconsin, with offices in Racine, Mequon, Madison, and Brookfield, as well as its Milwaukee home base. **Beth Kushner** specializes in complex litigation and has successfully handled a broad range of business and commercial disputes, product liability claims, fraud and RICO cases, antitrust disputes, and class actions.