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EDUCATION & WORK HISTORY

- Bachelor of Arts - University of Notre Dame (1988) (*cum laude*)
- Juris Doctorate - Marquette University Law School (1991) (*magna cum laude*)
- Law Clerk to Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan S. Heffernan (1991-92)
- Attorney, Friebert, Finerty & St. John, S.C. (1992-present)

LEGAL PRACTICE

Mr. O'Neill, a partner at Friebert, Finerty & St. John, focuses his practice on commercial litigation and appellate work. Mr. O'Neill has tried many cases and conducted numerous hearings in state court, federal court and before administrative decision makers. He was awarded Legal Action of Wisconsin's 2008 Exceptional Pro Bono Advocacy Award for obtaining a six-figure verdict for a local family whose belongings were wrongly sold at auction by a self-storage company. He has been recognized as a "Super Lawyer" by Milwaukee Magazine in the area of business litigation each year since 2006.

Mr. O'Neill has argued numerous cases before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Wisconsin Court of Appeals and Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, including *Einhorn v. Culea*, 2000 WI 65 (establishing standards for Special Litigation Committees and derivative litigation), *Notz v. Everett Smith Group*, 2009 WI 30 (establishing standards for claims by minority shareholders), and *Brew City v. Ferchill Group*, 2006 WI 128 (relating to dispute over Pabst Brewery development). Mr. O'Neill has been involved in several successful high-profile cases, including *City of West Allis v. WEPCO*, 2001 WI App. 226 (reversing \$100 million award against WEPCO), *Northwest Airlines, Inc. v. Wis. Dept. of Revenue*, 2006 WI 88 (upholding tax exempt status of Midwest Airlines), *Clean Wisconsin v. PSC*, 2005 WI 93 (upholding approval of new power plant in Oak Creek).

Mr. O'Neill also has substantial experience with campaign finance and election law, counseling numerous clients in campaign and election-related matters. He served as State Counsel for the Obama for America campaign and trained over 1,200 lawyers to monitor the polls on election day. He has testified before the United States Congress and the Wisconsin Senate on proposed reforms to federal and state election laws.

Mr. O'Neill is Vice President of the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, and serves as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees for Woodlands School in Milwaukee.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Mr. O'Neill was born in 1966 and is married to Shannon O'Neill. They have three beautiful daughters, Audrey, Sylvie and Daphne. In his spare time, Matt enjoys golfing, running with his dog Fergie, and completing the occasional marathon.