

Agenda

Understanding Wisconsin Personal Injury Law

C. Wirth

- The development of personal injury law in Wisconsin
- Statutes and regulations that affect liability law
- An overview of liability law in different types of personal injury cases
 - Automobile accident
 - Slip-and-fall
 - Medical malpractice
 - Product liability
- The law of damages
- Recent developments and anticipated changes in Wisconsin law

Investigating and Evaluating a Personal Injury Claim

K. LaFave

- Obtaining information from/about the plaintiff
- Using (and not using) investigators
- Identifying and locating parties and witnesses
- Investigating/documenting the incident
- Interviewing witnesses
- Obtaining information on damages
- Identifying and obtaining other relevant information
- Helpful resources

Litigating Personal Injury Cases

C. Strohhenn

- Drafting, filing and serving initial pleadings
- Participating in the discovery process
- Drafting admissions, interrogatories and requests for production of documents
- Responding to discovery requests
- Deposition practice: preparing for, attending and reviewing
- Working with expert witnesses
- Preparing for and assisting at trial

Handling Ethical Issues in Personal Injury Practice

W. Healy

- Maintaining client confidentiality
- Avoiding conflicts of interest
- Avoiding the unauthorized practice of law
- Communicating with clients, the court and opposing counsel

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Review the development of personal injury law in Wisconsin.

Understand liability law in different types of personal injury cases.

Learn how to investigate and document a claim, and interview witnesses regarding a claim.

Assist with the drafting, filing, and serving of initial pleadings.

Learn about avoiding conflicts of interest and avoiding unauthorized practice of law.



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Understand the development of personal injury law in Wisconsin

Assist with personal injury litigation, from initial filing through trial

Review pertinent statutes and regulations

Discuss the handling of ethical issues in a personal injury practice

Explore ways to investigate and evaluate personal injury claims

Continuing Education Credits

This seminar offers Wisconsin paralegals 6.0 CLE hours, including 1.5 ethics hours.

NALA: 6.0 CLE Hours (1.5 Ethics)

NFPA: Pending



Faculty

Cristina Wirth *Attorney at Bye, Goff & Rohde (River Falls, WI)*

Ms. Wirth was born and raised in River Falls and is proud to serve her hometown community as well as the greater states of Wisconsin and Minnesota as an injury lawyer. She attended law school at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where she graduated *magna cum laude*, served on the Law Review senior board, and was inducted into the Pro Bono Society. During law school Ms. Wirth also served as a judicial intern at the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin. Prior to law school, Ms. Wirth graduated *summa cum laude* from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota as a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. She also obtained her paralegal certificate while attending Hamline. Ms. Wirth's personal injury practice is grounded in the understanding that injuries can be life-changing and that no one should have to navigate the legal system alone. Her extensive experience in the legal field allows her to employ a myriad of skills in advocating zealously for her clients. Her years of experience in various positions at Bye, Goff & Rohde and her prior work with judges give her a unique perspective in litigating personal injury cases.

Krista LaFave *Attorney at Warshafsky, Rotter, Tarnoff & Bloch, SC (Milwaukee, WI)*

Ms. LaFave is a trial lawyer at Warshafsky, Rotter, Tarnoff & Bloch, S.C. where she represents plaintiffs injured due to the negligence of others. Her practice includes automobile collisions, product liability, premises liability, and nursing home abuse and neglect cases. She initially worked in insurance defense and subrogation litigation. Ms. LaFave is a 2013 *magna cum laude* graduate of Tulane University Law School, where she was a member and coach of the Vis International Commercial Arbitration moot court team and president of the Student Bar Association. She was selected to The National Trial Lawyers: Top 40 Under 40. She serves on the board of the Association for Women and was elected to the State Bar of Wisconsin's Board of Governors where she also chairs the Strategic Planning Committee. Prior to attending law school, Ms. LaFave worked in legal marketing and performed background business research. The combination of her interest in investigation and representing both plaintiffs and defendants provides her with a unique background for evaluating a personal injury claim from the outset.

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Christopher Strohhenn

Attorney & Partner at Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin & Brown LLP (Milwaukee, WI)

Mr. Strohhenn is a partner at Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin & Brown, LLP in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He enjoys the challenge of helping clients through difficult situations. He has developed a diverse litigation practice that focuses on personal injury, insurance coverage litigation, civil litigation, and commercial property tax appeals. Mr. Strohhenn's practice extends throughout the state of Wisconsin. He represents clients across the spectrum – from individuals to small businesses to large national corporations. He is also experienced in litigating in appellate courts across the state, including serving as lead counsel in a number of cases that were litigated at the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Previously, Mr. Strohhenn was President of the Milwaukee Young Lawyer's Association and was a member of the Board for six years. He also sat for a number of years as an alternate on the City of Milwaukee's Administrative Review and Appeals Board and was president of a large downtown Condominium Association. Currently, he is a board member of the Wisconsin Association for Justice.

Whitney Healy *Attorney at Habush Habush & Rottier SC (Appleton & Green Bay, WI)*

Ms. Healy is an attorney in the firm's Appleton and Green Bay office. She focuses her practice on a wide variety of personal injury cases. Prior to joining Habush, Ms. Healy worked as an attorney at a civil litigation firm in Madison, Wisconsin, where she dedicated her career to helping those who need it most. She has vast experience representing individuals in both state and federal courts, as well as with transnational litigation. In recognition of her civil litigation work, Ms. Healy was designated a Super Lawyers Rising Star in 2019, 2020, and 2021. Currently, she sits on the board of directors for the Wisconsin Association for Justice (WAJ) and is the immediate past chair of the Women's Caucus. Additionally, she was recently nominated to serve as a Regional Officer for WAJ. Her term will commence in December of 2021. Ms. Healy is also a member of the James E. Doyle Inn of Court and is an active member of the Legal Association for Women in Dane County, serving on the board of directors for 2019-2021. Ms. Healy received her undergraduate degree from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and graduated *cum laude*, with honors, from Valparaiso Law School. While in law school, she served as editor of the *Law Review*.

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