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81 Ramona A. Gonzalez, a La Crosse County Circuit Court judge, received the State Bar of Wisconsin's 2023 Lifetime Jurist Award.

83 Carl Ashley has been appointed chief judge of Wisconsin's First Judicial Administrative District, encompassing Milwaukee County.

87 Robert B. Blazewick was appointed chief administrative judge of the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals, based in Arlington, Va.

Kevin H. Govern has been appointed associate dean for academic affairs at Ave Maria School of Law in Vineyards, Fla., where he also serves as professor of law.

88 Janet C. Protasiewicz was elected to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin and took the oath of office on August 1, 2023.

93 Kimberly A. Kolch is a labor relations specialist/school attorney with Madison-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in Verona, N.Y.

95 Sherry M. Terrell has joined Milwaukee Area Technical College as the school's general counsel.

02 Patrick M. Miller was named construction and real estate litigation practice group leader for Faegre Drinker, in New York, N.Y.

Carrie Reichartz of New Berlin, Wis., founded Mercy's Light Family, an organization that helps young mothers who have been victims of rape, sexual abuse, and trafficking.

05 Atheneé Lucas started a new position as senior legal counsel—compliance at Accruent, in Dallas, Tex.

07 Adam S. Bazelon joined Axley Attorneys as a partner in the Waukesha, Wis., office and is a member of the firm's litigation practice group.

08 Geraldo F. Olivo, practicing at Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, in Fort Myers, Fla., was sworn in as secretary of the Lee County Bar Association's executive council.

Raphael F. Ramos was appointed to the Milwaukee County Circuit Court by Gov. Tony Evers.

09 Aryeh D. Derman joined Clark Hill as senior counsel in the firm's banking and financial services group. He is based in the firm's Chicago office.

Tonya N. Natkins accepted a position as legal operations manager for Farmers Insurance.

10 Tyrone M. St. Junior II was promoted to vice president and associate general counsel at Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee.

Russell J. Karnes was honored for his dedication and volunteer efforts for the Mobile Legal Clinic, a project of Marquette Law School and the Milwaukee Bar Association, during the Milwaukee Justice Center's 12th Annual Run for Justice.

11 Vincent R. Bauer joined the Division of Legal Services for the Wisconsin Department of Administration as legal counsel.

Todd LaForest, in Phoenix, Ariz., was named president of Molly's Grape & Citrus Co.

Dotun Obadina joined Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison, in New York City, as counsel in the corporate department and a member of the firm's mergers and acquisitions group.

Nicholas Smith was promoted to agency legal counsel for the Wisconsin Office of the State Public Defender.

12 James C. Witecha was promoted to chief legal counsel at the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

Jonathan J. Feldbruegge joined von Briesen & Roper's Milwaukee office as a shareholder in the litigation and risk management practice.

14 Kristen D. Hardy and **Emil Ovbiagele** were featured on the cover of the May 2023 *Wisconsin Lawyer Magazine* for their work hosting the state bar's *Bottom Up* podcast, discussing the challenges in the legal practice today.

AJ Peterman was promoted to general counsel at Fleet Farm in Appleton, Wis.

21 Curtis A. Edwards joined Lin Law in Green Bay, Wis. His practice focuses on trusts and estates, business law, and real estate law.

Bridget Smith accepted a position as a field attorney with the National Labor Relations Board in Milwaukee.

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