



Shawn M. Govern Attorney

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Shawn practices with a unique perspective and eye towards the most favorable outcome. His career spans 20 years in business law, real estate law, transactional matters and a variety of litigation. As a proponent of closely held businesses, Shawn seeks to assist family business owners with their day to day legal needs, as well as the family's individual legal needs. His litigation experience includes trying cases in Federal, State, Trial and the Appellate Courts.

Clients

Shawn represents family owned businesses, banks, privately and publicly held entities as well as financial institutions, car dealerships and more. Some of his clients include:

- Celtic Bank
- Rosen Nissan, Inc.
- Milwaukee Boiler
- CHI Towing
- The Sportsman Channel, Inc.
- Rocky Trail Productions
- Kinateder Masonry
- Air Engineering, Inc.
- Northwoods Software Development
- Graphics Communication, Inc.

Notable Representations

Clients appreciate Shawn's understanding of their legal objectives because he strives to provide responsive, affordable representation. Shawn has represented clients in matters such as:

- Preparation of various business agreements related to the acquisition and operation of businesses, including business sales, franchises and distributorships.
- Transactional documents related to the sale of commercial, industrial and residential properties; bank loan documentation.
- The preparation of leases, easements, construction agreements and other documents associated with the ownership of real estate.
- Litigation of an extensive variety of civil matters ranging from insurance disputes, personal injury, probate matters, commercial transactions, creditors rights, collections, foreclosures, replevins and business litigation.
- *Dussault v. Chrysler Corp.*, 229 Wis. 2d 296, 600 N.W.2d 6 (Wis. App. 1999)
- *In re Estate of Fredericks*, 319 Wis. 2d 232, 769 N.W.2d 572 (Unpublished 2009)
- *PHH Mortg. Corp v. Kolodziej*, 2011 WL 831175 (Wis. App. 2011)

Articles and Presentations

- Author of chapter 71 on Replevin in Wisconsin Practice Series, *Methods of Practice*, West Publishing.
- Author of chapter 5 on Buying and Selling a Business in *The Wisconsin Business Advisor: Securities, Mergers, and Acquisitions*, by the State Bar of Wisconsin.
- Author of chapter on due diligence in the acquisition and sale of a charitable, not for profit business, for the State Bar Series on Non-Profit Organizations, State Bar of Wisconsin.
- Frequent lecturer on real estate, litigation and business topics throughout the State of Wisconsin.

Expertise

- Bankruptcy
- Business
- Construction Industry
- Lexwork
- Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Real Estate, Land Use & Construction
- Trusts & Estates
- Estate Planning
- Probate
- Trust Administration

Education

- J.D., Marquette University Law School
- B.S., Saint John's University

Admissions

- State Bar of Wisconsin

Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Commercial Realtors Association of Wisconsin
- Committee Member of the Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors Finance and Strategic Planning
- Committee Member of the Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors Public Policy Forum
- President of Board of Governors, Sir Thomas More Lawyers Society of Wisconsin
- Former Board of Directors - Milwaukee Chapter of Rebuilding Together
- National Realtors Association
- Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors
- Milwaukee Bar Association
- National Turnaround Management Association
- Panelist for Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors Ethics and Arbitration panels
- School Board Member - Northwest Catholic Schools
- Board Member for Wisconsin Singer Songwriters Series
- Wisconsin Bar Association
- Wisconsin Realtors Association