

Shawn M. Govern Attorney

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Greater Milwaukee

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:

- BruMar Productions, LLC
- Celtic Bank
- Rosen Nissan, Inc.
- Milwaukee Boiler
- Perfection Plus Real Estate Services, Inc.
- The Sportsman Channel, Inc.
- Rocky Trail Productions
- Kinateder Masonry
- Webb & Gerritsen, 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- *In re Estate of Fredericks*, 319 Wis. 2d 232, 769 N.W.2d 572 (Unpublished 2009)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

- "Financial Institutions Will Begin Accepting Loan Applications on 4.3.2020 - CARES Act Resources and Practical Advice for Small Businesses and Nonprofits," April 2020
- "How Does COVID-19 Affect the Real Estate Market," COVID-19 News Feed, March 2020
- 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

- Member - American Bar Association
- Member - National Realtors Association
- Member - Wisconsin Realtors Association
- Member - Commercial Realtors Association of Wisconsin
- Member - Milwaukee Bar Associations
- Member - Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors

- Panelist presiding over Ethics and Arbitration Hearings before the GMAR
- Committee Member - Political Action Committee
- Public Policy Committee
- Director - Board of Directors Wisconsin Realtors Association (WRA)

- Member - Legal Action Committee
- Former Vice President and Executive Committee Member
- Former Member - Public Policy Subcommittee
- Past President of Board of Governors - Sir Thomas More Lawyers Society of Wisconsin

- Current Board Member
- Current Board of Director - Revitalize Milwaukee
- Current Board of Director - St. John's University Alumni Association

- Officer for St. John's Wisconsin Alumni Chapter
- National Realtors Association
- Milwaukee Bar Association
- National Turnaround Management Association
- Former School Board Member - Northwest Catholic Schools
- Committee Member - Archdiocese of Milwaukee Finance and Facilities Work Group on Urban

Parishes

- Past Lecturer - Archdiocese of Milwaukee Seminary on Civil Law Topics in Parish Administration
- Board Member for Wisconsin Singer Songwriters Series
- Wisconsin Bar Association