

## PETER J. FAUST

Peter J. Faust is the President and Managing Shareholder of the law firm of O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing S.C., a 40-attorney firm headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Pete assists buyers, sellers, borrowers, lenders, and investors with a wide range of business law matters: including, mergers and acquisitions, formation and organization of new businesses, and contract negotiations. Pete has successfully closed hundreds of mergers and acquisitions and financing transactions involving public and private companies.

### Pete Assists Clients With

- Mergers, acquisitions, and recapitalizations of businesses
- Private equity and venture capital financing
- Private offerings of debt and equity securities
- Securities laws issues
- Complex contractual matters and negotiations
- Business financing and loan documentation for borrowers and lenders
- Formation of new businesses and exit strategies
- Covenants not to compete and confidentiality agreements
- Corporate governance issues
- Tax-exempt organizations



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Other Information

### Professional Associations and Affiliations

- Member, American Bar Association, Mergers and Acquisitions Committee
- Member, American Bar Association, Private Equity and Venture Capital Committee
- Board Member, State Bar of Wisconsin, Business Law Section
- Member, State Bar of Wisconsin, Business Law Section's Chapter 180 Former Subcommittee (which reviews and revises Wisconsin's Business Corporation Law: Chapter 180 of the Wisconsin Statutes)

### Award/Distinctions

- Named 2022 Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year" for Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2013-2024-Corporate Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Rated a 10.0 out of 10.0 by Avvo, a national attorney rating service which uses a mathematical model to rate attorneys based on experience, professional achievements,

industry recognition and professional conduct

- Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating™ –AV Preeminent, reflecting an attorney who has reached the height of professional excellence and is recognized for the highest levels of skill and integrity
- Selected for inclusion in Wisconsin Super Lawyers in 2005–2023 by *Law and Politics and Milwaukee Magazine*
- Selected as one of the “Top 25 Lawyers” in Milwaukee in 2011 and 2015 by *Law and Politics and Milwaukee Magazine*
- Selected as one of the “Top 50 Lawyers” in Wisconsin in 2011 and 2015 by *Law and Politics and Milwaukee Magazine*
- Editor-in-Chief, *Marquette Law Review*
- Named one of “Milwaukee’s Leading Lawyers” in Corporate/Incorporated by *M Magazine* in 2014 and in Securities Offerings in 2015. Only 2-5% of the top ranked attorneys published by Avvo for each category, were recognized

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## Articles/Presentations

- Speaker, Meritas Capability Webinar, “Transactions in a COVID-19 Environment” (2020)
- Speaker, Private Client Breakfast-HNI “Liability Protection” (2019)
- Speaker, ACG-Wisconsin Next Gen “Trends and Takeaways from the ABA Private Target Deal Points Study” (2019)
- Quoted in, *Marquette Lawyer Magazine*, “Practicing Business Law at the Speed of Change: How technology is changing the practice of business law” (2019)
- Speaker, Park Bank Business seminar, panel discussion “Working on Your Business,” 2015
- Speaker, O’Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing, *Hot Topics for Small Firm and Solo Practitioners* seminar, panel discussion “The Drafting of Business Documents: Perspectives from Transactional and Litigation Attorneys,” 2014
- Speaker, O’Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong and Laing, *Hot Topics for In-House Counsel* seminar, panel discussion “Legal Ethics Issues Relating to the Media and Dealing with the Media,” 2013
- Speaker, *BizTimes* Business Strategy seminar, “Preparing Your Business for Sale: A Legal Perspective,” 2011
- Speaker, Corporate Practice Institute seminar, “The Enforceability of Employment-Related Covenants Not to Compete”
- Speaker, Lorman Education Services seminars, “Noncompete Covenants in Other Agreements” (Sale of Business, Shareholder, Franchise, etc.)

## In The News

- Super Lawyers Recognizes 30 O’Neil Cannon Attorneys
- 20 O’Neil Cannon Lawyers Selected as 2025 Best Lawyers; Another 5 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
- O’Neil Cannon Serves as Legal Advisor to Engendren Corporation in its Sale to Cummins Inc.
- Super Lawyers Recognizes 28 O’Neil Cannon Attorneys
- 19 O’Neil Cannon Lawyers Selected as 2024 Best Lawyers; Another 4 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
- Chambers and Partners Recognizes Faust and O’Neil Cannon for M&A Excellence
- *Super Lawyers* Recognizes 25 O’Neil Cannon Attorneys
- 19 OCHDL Lawyers Selected as 2023 Best Lawyers®; Another 4 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
- Four OCHDL Attorneys Named 2022 “Lawyer of the Year” in the Milwaukee Area by Best Lawyers®
- 19 OCHDL Lawyers Selected as 2022 Best Lawyers®; Another 5 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
- Pete Faust Elected Managing Shareholder and President of OCHDL
- 20 OCHDL Lawyers Selected as 2021 Best Lawyers®; Another 5 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch

- COVID-19 Raises Privacy Issues for Major-League Baseball
- New Act Provides More Flexibility to PPP Borrowers
- SBA Publishes PPP Loan Forgiveness Application
- SBA Issues Further Guidance on PPP Loan Repayment Safe Harbor; All Loans Under \$2 Million Deemed to Have Been Received in Good Faith
- SBA Extends Safe Harbor for Repaying PPP Loans to May 14, Promises More Guidance on Certification Issue
- Attorneys Pete Faust and Jason Scoby Recently Quoted in the Business Journal
- Businesses Should Not Overlook Economic Injury Disaster Loans
- Loan Frustration Continues for PE and VC Companies
- Companies Owned by PE and VC Firms in Limbo over PPP Loans
- Eighteen OCHDL Attorneys Named 2020 Best Lawyers in America®
- 20 OCHDL Attorneys Named 2019 Best Lawyers in America
- Best Lawyers® Honors 18 Attorneys in 2018
- Business Journal M&A Advertising Underway

## Education

- Marquette University Law School (*magna cum laude*)
- University of Wisconsin (B.A.)