

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*®-Corporate Law and Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2013-present
- 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 *Law and Politics and Milwaukee Magazine*, 2005–present
- 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



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

- Laing Wins Inaugural Firm Pool Tournament
- 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.)