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NEWSLETTER



H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

Oh, how far we have come!

As we step into 2024, let us not forget what 2023 has given us, whether it be new staff, new clients, or new opportunities. Before we ring in the New Year, we would like to take a moment to reflect on all the greatness that 2023 has brought to this firm and thank those who have supported us along the way. OVB Law & Consulting, S.C. welcomes 2024 as year full of potential where we can excel with purpose.

Y o u r L e g a l G l a d i a t o r s !

It's our 7-Year Anniversary

Lets take a look at some of our bigger accomplishments...



BREAKING NEWS



ATTORNEY EMIL OVBIAGELE AND ATTORNEY SAMANTHA BAKER

\$2 Million Awarded for MPD Use of Excessive Force

“With great power, comes great responsibility. In a time where there is so much doubt in humanity, the jury showed compassion, but more importantly, they upheld the constitution, and they affirmed that nobody is above the law.”

-Attorney Baker

Earlier in the month, after a weeklong trial, the OVB Law team obtained a federal jury award of \$2 million in damages for a client in an excessive force civil rights case. After years of dogged advocacy, a jury held that the Milwaukee Police Department violated our client's constitutional rights and used excessive force when officers unjustifiably shot our client in the back, while he was standing on the front porch of his home.



Being the difference maker for our clients isn't just our tagline, it's our promise!



EMIL

OVBIAGELE
President



Congratulations to Atty. Ovbiagele, the newly elected President of the Milwaukee Bar Association, for making history as the youngest president of the association!

This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to his hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence in the legal profession. This appointment is not only a personal accomplishment, but also a significant milestone for diversity and inclusion in the legal field.



The Young Lawyers Conference in Oshkosh was organized and overseen by Atty. Samantha Baker. As the lead and chair of the conference, Baker played a crucial role in ensuring its success.

The conference aimed to support new lawyers by offering them a platform to learn practical skills that would be beneficial for their careers, and that encouraged them to take leadership roles in their profession and communities.



A Successful Semester of Trial Advocacy at Marquette Law School with Attorney Emil Ovbiagele

Atty. Emil Ovbiagele, completed teaching a Trial Advocacy course for the Spring 2023 semester at Marquette Law School. Throughout the course, students were provided with invaluable insights and hands-on experience in preparing and conducting trials. Congratulations to Emil and the students on a fantastic semester!

THE POWER30

WISCONSIN LAW JOURNAL

PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEY



Atty. Ovbiagele was named among the top-30 personal injury attorneys in the state of Wisconsin.

“From the onset of my journey into law, I have always believed that the law should serve as a beacon for positive change. This principle has always been a deep-rooted commitment to my clients, positioning myself as their anchor amidst life’s turbulent storms and guiding them through challenges with purpose and poise,”

-Atty Ovbiagele



ATTY. EMIL OVBIAGELE AND AUSTIN BALDWIN



Recipient of
Diversity in the Law
Award:

Attorney Emil Ovbiagele

Recipient of
Unsung Hero
Award:

Austin Baldwin



Emil Ovbiagele has been recognized as one of the 2023 Legal All-Star Honorees for his exceptional contributions to promoting diversity in the law.

Additionally, Austin Baldwin has been honored as an Unsung Hero for his remarkable dedication and impact not only at our firm, but in the legal profession.

We gained 2 new attorneys!

Atty. Goodhart and Atty. Dartt began as dedicated law clerks to the firm, and we were thrilled to welcome them both on as our newest attorneys.

With their exceptional skills and unwavering devotion to the practice of law, they have made outstanding attorneys thus far.



Atty Emil Ovbiagele
2023 recipient of the
John Lederer Distinguished Service Award



Pictured- past recipients of the Award. (From left) Matthew Jeter, David Krekeker, Paul Angel, Emil Ovbiagele, Nerino Ferris, Nancy Trueblood, and Kate Knowlton.

Atty. Ovbiagele has become the latest recipient of the **John Lederer Distinguished Service Award**- no small feat as it is only given to one recipient each year!

This recognition highlights his exceptional dedication to serving others and his outstanding contributions to the legal profession. Moreover, it emphasizes his commitment to mentoring, which extends far beyond the boundaries of the courtroom!

Attorney Baker chosen to participate in the Spring 2023 cohort of Forward 48, a leadership development program focused on connecting and championing our state's future leaders



SAMANTHA BAKER



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Best Lawyers
UNITED STATES

Atty. Ovbiagele was recognized in the prestigious 30th edition of The Best Lawyers in America® 2024 for expertise in Employment Law.



The Bottom Up podcast was recently featured on the cover of Wisconsin Lawyer Magazine!

The Bottom Up Podcast is a Wisconsin State Bar project, produced by Joe Forward, and hosted by our very own Atty. Emil Ovbiagele and Atty. Kristen Hardy. The Podcast deals with issues at the intersection of law and life.



Tyarra, our legal assistant and social media manager, has recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) with a degree in Criminal Justice and Prelaw, as well as a minor in Sociology.

As Tyarra approaches her two-year tenure with our firm, she reflects on her accomplishments and highlights her most significant achievements. Among these, Tyarra cites the successful implementation of the newsletter and her management of the firm's social media page as her most notable accomplishments.

Of course there were plenty of firm activities!



*We cannot wait to see what 2024 brings.
Thank you all for the continued confidence you have placed in our firm.*