

About the Authors

Rex Anderegg is a well-respected criminal defense and appellate attorney who has handled hundreds of operating-while-intoxicated (OWI) cases at all levels since graduating from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1989. He has owned and operated his own private practice since 1994 and currently heads Anderegg & Associates. He is a frequent contributor to *Wisconsin Lawyer*, writing on topics of interest to traffic and OWI attorneys.

Jason Hanson has been a court commissioner in Dane County Circuit Court since 2006. He has also been the municipal judge for DeForest and Windsor since 2011. He has served as an administrative law judge, an assistant district attorney, and a deputy district attorney. Judge Hanson graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin Law School and received a bachelor's degree in political science and history from the University of Wisconsin after studying engineering at Marquette University. He is a former president of the Wisconsin Family Court Commissioner's Association and the Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association and serves on the Wisconsin Court System's Judicial Education, Records Management, and STOP Committees. Judge Hanson is the current chair of the Wisconsin Criminal and Traffic Benchbook Committee and also serves on the Wisconsin Municipal Judge Benchbook Advisory Committee.

Dennis M. Melowski is the head of Melowski & Singh, LLC, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. His practice is exclusively devoted to the defense of serious alcohol-related traffic offenses and crimes. He has argued before the Wisconsin Supreme Court on numerous occasions. Mr. Melowski is a frequent speaker at legal seminars in Wisconsin and elsewhere in the U.S. He is actively involved as a charter member of the Wisconsin Drunk Driving Roundtable and is a life member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

John J. Sobotik is a retired attorney who formerly worked for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) providing legal assistance to the Division of Motor Vehicles, the Division of State Patrol, and other parts of the DOT. He completed his undergraduate studies at Stanford University and received his law degree from the University of

Wisconsin. He worked in private practice for 4 years before serving 33 years on the legal staff at the DOT. Mr. Sobotik served on the Legal Services Committee of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators and has been a contributing author to the State Bar of Wisconsin's publication *Traffic Law and Practice in Wisconsin* for many years. He has participated as a conference presenter and coauthor of papers for the Network for Public Health Law on topics related to drunk driving law and removing legal and policy barriers to opioid-agonist treatment. Mr. Sobotik received recognition from the Wisconsin Department of Justice in 2018 for outstanding contribution to OWI prosecution and was recognized as a "leader in the law" by the *Wisconsin Law Journal* in 2020. He continues to lecture on traffic law topics across the state and serves as a participant in the Wisconsin Statewide Impaired Driving Workgroup.

David Stegall is a shareholder at Lawton & Cates S.C. He was admitted to the State Bar of Wisconsin in 2006 after graduating cum laude from Marquette University Law School. Mr. Stegall began his legal career by working as an assistant district attorney in the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. As a prosecutor, he litigated hundreds of cases and served as the lead prosecutor in well over 50 jury trials ranging from misdemeanors through the most serious felony cases. Mr. Stegall left the district attorney's office so he could focus on helping people achieve justice. In private practice, he focuses 100% on litigation. In criminal practice, he has successfully obtained not-guilty verdicts in high-stakes cases of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, sexual assault, and operating while intoxicated, among others. Mr. Stegall is a coauthor of the State Bar of Wisconsin's *Traffic Law and Practice in Wisconsin*. He is also a board-certified criminal trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Approximately three percent of American lawyers are board-certified, making Mr. Stegall a member of a very select group who has taken the time to prove competence and earn this distinction. Mr. Stegall has been recognized as a Super Lawyer, a distinction reserved for the top 5% of attorneys in a given practice area.

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