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**Christine Baderstadt Hired as New Associate**

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We are pleased to formally announce that [Christine R. Baderstadt](#) has joined WilliamsMcCarthy LLP as an associate in the firm's litigation group. Her practice will focus on general civil litigation.

Before joining the firm, Christine clerked at one of the largest personal injury firms in Illinois. She graduated with honors in 2017 from Northern Illinois University College of Law, where she was a notes and comments editor for the Law Review. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Lawrence University in 2007, double majoring in English and history.

As a law student, Christine participated in the Winnebago County Criminal Defense Clinic and handled cases through NIU's Foreclosure Mediation Clinic, where she guided clients who faced financial challenges by working closely with the Kane County Residential Foreclosure Mediation Program. [Read more...](#)

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## New Publication

### Using the Holidays as a Springboard to Discuss Family Health History

By [Daniel Huntley](#)



If you're like most of us at WilliamsMcCarthy LLP, you will be spending more time with relatives this holiday season. This is a great opportunity for all of us to talk about family health history. Knowing your family history can help proactively identify and prepare for legal planning if a diagnosis of a medical condition or disease occurs.

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## Awards & Honors

### WilliamsMcCarthy LLP Ranked in 2018 "Best Law Firms"

We are pleased to announce that we have been ranked in the 2018 U.S. News - Best Lawyers® "Best Law Firms" list for the fourth straight year.



The firm received the metropolitan tier one ranking in the field of commercial litigation for the Chicago region.

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## People at WilliamsMcCarthy LLP

**James Devine & Joel Huotari Defeat Claim for \$12,500,000 After Week Long Jury Trial**



Last month, a Winnebago County jury was asked to award \$12,500,000 to the Estate of Karen Williams, a 42-year-old attorney who was killed when three armed robbers fleeing the police crashed into her car and killed her.



The Williams Estate sued the Boone County Sheriff over the actions of its deputy who engaged in the high-speed pursuit. However, the Estate elected not to sue the three armed robbers who instigated the chase. [James Devine](#) and [Joel Huotari](#) represented the Boone County Sheriff at trial.

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## WilliamsMcCarthy LLP in the Community



Earlier this month, WilliamsMcCarthy LLP proudly supported the 29th Annual Evergreen Ball, which serves as the Rockford Art Museum's signature fundraising event. [Read more...](#)



The Severson Dells Nature Center held its annual fundraising breakfast on October 26th. Associate Daniel Huntley and others joined the more than 330 guests at the 10th annual event. Daniel was appointed to the Severson Dells board of directors in 2015, and currently serves as its vice president. [Read more...](#)

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