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Sarah Apple Hired as New Associate with the Firm



Sarah E. Apple

We are pleased to announce the addition of [Sarah E. Apple](#). She joins the firm from Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago. As an associate in the firm's transactional group, Sarah will be focusing on general corporate matters, including mergers and acquisitions, governance and commercial contracts.

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New Publication

Planning for Legal Incapacity After an Alzheimer's Diagnosis

By [Daniel A. Huntley](#)



Daniel A. Huntley

No one plans on suffering from Alzheimer's. Legal planning can help protect the wishes and dignity of those suffering in the latter stages of the disease, and deserves consideration in the immediate aftermath of an early diagnosis. The symptoms and effects of Alzheimer's disease strike at the heart of who we are as a person and have profound effects on our abilities to enter into legally valid arrangements.

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Awards and Honors



Partner [Scott Sullivan](#) has been named to the 2017 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. Scott was selected by his peers in the field of commercial litigation. This is his third straight year being named to the prestigious list. [Read more...](#)



Earlier this month, partners [John Holevas](#) and [Joel Huotari](#) won a jury trial in a wrongful tree cutting and trespass case in Will County, Illinois. Holevas (first chair) and Huotari (second chair) represented one of two defendants, Buckeye Partners L.P. The Plaintiff sought \$1.9 million in damages under Count I. [Read more...](#)

People at WilliamsMcCarthy LLP



United Way of Rock River Valley

Partner [Troy Haggestad](#) has been selected as a member of the board of directors for the [United Way of Rock River Valley](#). The UWRRV advances the common good in Winnebago and Ogle counties, creating opportunities for a better life by focusing on education, income and health. His term became effective on July 1.

WilliamsMcCarthy in the Community



On October 21st, WilliamsMcCarthy will sponsor [Discovery Center Museum's](#) third annual fundraiser, Discover the Spirits. For one night, the museum will transform from a place where children come to play, into a place where adults can do the same. Live music, food, fun and spirits sampling will take place for guests 21 and older. All proceeds will support the museum's mission to create joyful learning and discovery through hands-on experiences in the sciences and arts.



In July, WilliamsMcCarthy supported [ByronFest 2016](#). ByronFest is designed to encourage and promote tourism in the Byron area and to showcase the community to the many visitors who travel to the festival for the three-day event. ByronFest provides an opportunity for many not-for-profit organizations to raise funds for various projects.

On July 10, [Wesley Willows](#) hosted its annual box office benefit at Rock Valley College's Starlight Theater. WilliamsMcCarthy sponsored the classic family favorite,



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang! Proceeds from the event supported the Wesley Willows Good Samaritan Fund, which provides ongoing personalized care to residents who have outlived their financial resources.

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