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### New Publications

#### Divorced? What To Do When Traveling Abroad with Your Child.



If you are divorced and have children, it's important to know your rights when traveling internationally. [Click here](#) for some tips to avoid potential problems.

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### Client Successes

#### Jury Verdict in Wrongful Death Case Upheld on Appeal

Partners James Devine and Joel Huotari represented the Boone County Sheriff in a wrongful death case.

During the last week of November 2017, 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.

After three hours of deliberation, the jury returned a defense verdict, deciding that the Estate had not proven its case against the Sheriff's deputy. [Click here](#) for the full details.



**James Devine**



**Joel Huotari**

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# Leading Lawyers

We are pleased to announce that 16 of our lawyers have been named to the 2019 Leading Lawyers list, with three being selected as Emerging Lawyers.

According to Leading Lawyers, those named to the Leading Lawyers list have been recommended by their peers to be among the top lawyers in their practice area(s), while those named to the list of Emerging Lawyers have been identified as among the top lawyers under the age of 40, or who have practiced for 10 years or less. [Click here](#) for the full news article.



It is with mixed emotions that we, all the members of the WilliamsMcCarthy LLP law firm, announce the retirement of our good friend and much valued former partner, Terry D. Anderson, effective May 1, 2019. Although we will miss having Terry in the office, after 41 years of exemplary service, he has well-earned the opportunity to pursue his other interests. [Click here](#) for the full announcement.



In April, Associate [Daniel Huntley](#) volunteered his time and expertise to lead a class for Habitat for Humanity homeowners, providing attendees with estate planning basics, including: designating beneficiaries; guardianship of minor children; medical treatment planning and more.

With the basic understanding of what is involved in estate planning, the homeowners now have the tools in their tool belt to plan and be better prepared for the "unknowns" of tomorrow.

[Click here](#) to read the full news article.



[Joel Huotari](#) is serving a three-year term on the Wisconsin Bar Association's Intellectual Property & Technology Law Section Board of Directors. He also is a director and officer for the P. Michael Mahoney Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.



On May 2, Associate [Wendi Werren](#) joined the 65th graduating class of the Rockford Chamber's Leadership Rockford program. As part of the eight-month program, Wendi was part of a team that volunteered to support the Golden Apple Foundation by reading and scoring teacher candidate portfolios, observing candidates in the classroom, and/or participating as a panelist for teacher interviews. [Click here](#) for the full announcement.

Partner [John Holevas](#) and Associates [Daniel Huntley](#) and [Wendi Werren](#) have been appointed or re-appointed to various leadership roles within



**ILLINOIS STATE  
BAR ASSOCIATION**

the Illinois State Bar Association section councils for the 2019-2020 bar year. [Click here](#) for the full announcement.



Partners [John Holevas](#) and [Adam Fleming](#) are helping to lead the Winnebago County Bar Association by serving in various roles during the 2019-2020 bar year. [Click here](#) for the full announcement.

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## **WilliamsMcCarthy LLP in the Community**



Join us as we raise our glass to Anderson Japanese Gardens for its commitment to providing first-class cultural and educational programming to the Rockford community and beyond. The firm is proud to continue its partnership by supporting Tuesday Evening in the Gardens, which features food, drinks and live music from local, regional and national touring artists. The event runs every Tuesday evening through August 27. [Click here](#) for more details.

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