

## William (Bill) White



Bill White was an equity partner and member of Michael Best & Friedrich LLP's Transactional Practice Group for 28 years. Michael Best & Friedrich LLP is approximately 230 attorneys in size in five states. His areas of concentration included real estate development, land use and general corporate issues. He was the past chair of the firm's Transactional Practice Group, was the Madison Office Managing Partner and was a member of the firm's Management Committee. Mr. White has initiated and litigated land use and development issues on behalf of property owners, developers, municipalities and businesses. He was special counsel on land use issues to towns, villages, cities and counties and has participated extensively in the development of cooperative plans, boundary agreements, "smart growth: comprehensive master plans, municipal incorporations and tax incremental financing.

He has served as general counsel and principal legal advisor for a wide variety of business clients, including clients in the construction, retail/wholesale and health care fields and not-for-profit tax-exempt organizations. As principal advisor to these organizations, Mr. White has acted as the point-of-entry for the legal services and acted as lead attorney in significant corporate activities.

### Honors and Recognitions

- In 2018, he was appointed by Consul-General ITO Naoki from the Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago to the role of Honorary Consul-General for Japan in Wisconsin.
- The 2011 Dane County Bar Association Pro Bono Lifetime Achievement Award for his commitment to legal services for those in need;
- The Best Lawyers in America® (1995 – present);
- Madison, Wisconsin's 2011 "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of Land Use and Zoning Law;
- Madison, Wisconsin's 2012 and 2015 "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of Land Use and Zoning Law/Litigation;
- Who's Who in America (1992 – present);
- "Wisconsin Super Lawyers" list in the areas of Land & Resources/Zoning (2005 – present);
- "WINGRA Recognition Award from the Wisconsin National Guard (2006); and
- American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell™ selection as a 2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Land Use and Zoning.

### Community Involvement

- Vice President/Incoming President, Olbrich Botanical Society
- Past Board Chair and Executive Committee Member, Madison Region Economic Partnership ("MadREP")
- Trustee, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Audit Committee, The Sand County Foundation
- Member, Tandem Press Advisory Board

- Co-Convener, Friends of Hudson Park
- Secretary and Director, Barrymore Theater Corporation
- Secretary and Director, Schenk Atwood Revitalization Association
- Director, Wisconsin Chamber Choir Board of Directors
- Member, Grant Making Committee, Madison Community Foundation
- Fundraising Chair, Downtown Rotary Club
- Fundraising Committee Member, Pinney Branch Library
- Past Chair, Dane County Regional Airport Commissionentry for the legal services and acts as lead attorney in significant corporate activities.