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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING WISCONSIN'S NOTABLE IN-HOUSE ATTORNEYS



Name: Scott M. Engstrom

Company and Title: Krause Financial Services - Corporate Counsel and Chief Operating Officer

Years of Service: 2.5 years

College/University and Law School: University of Minnesota – Twin Cities (B.A. Political Science), Penn State Law (J.D.).

How long have you been a member of the ACC of Wisconsin? Why did you join the ACC-WI? I joined the ACC of Wisconsin in 2019, shortly after joining the company. Because this was my first in-house role, I wanted to ensure that I had the appropriate resources necessary to effectively represent my corporate client. ACC is the premier legal association for in house attorneys, so joining the organization as a member was an easy choice.

What do you love most about the legal profession?

I enjoy breaking down problems into discrete parts, identifying potential solutions to each, and then developing a cohesive approach to resolve or mitigate the issue. I also enjoy the feeling that I am constantly honing my craft; they call it the “practice of law” because you are “practicing” each day.

Do you participate in any pro bono service or volunteering?

I don't engage in any formal pro bono legal service, but I do actively participate our Company's initiatives that support the Alzheimer's Association. Beyond that, I am the Vice-Chair of my local board of zoning appeals, and I coach a U14 hockey team. Each activity is on a volunteer basis.

How do you define success?

Booker T. Washington wrote “success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome.” In that vein, I believe that success is not a place, a level of accomplishment, or the accumulation of accolades. Rather, success is the willingness and ability to overcome adversity in pursuit of a designated goal.

Who inspires you?

My wife. She embodies the definition of success I provided in that she was diagnosed with cervical cancer, was willing and able to overcome the disease with the help of her doctors, and is now 5 years cancer free. She inspires me daily with her conscious choice each morning to be the best version of herself and offer the world a positive voice.

What's one thing - industry-related or not - you learned in the last month?

I learned that you shouldn't wait until the first snow storm of the year to see if your snow blower still works.

What's the last book you read?

I recently finished “This Just in: What I couldn't Tell You on TV” by Bob Schieffer, which I enjoyed a great deal.

Any Favorite Pod Cast or Series you can recommend?

For law related podcasts, I recommend “Legal Wars,” which tells the story of famous American court cases with background, context, and analysis of the proceedings.

For podcasts not related to the law, I like to get my hockey fix from “32 Thoughts” with Elliotte Friedman, the famous hockey insider.

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