

Plunkett Cooney elects four to firm's board of directors

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At the recent annual business meeting of Plunkett Cooney – one of the Midwest's oldest and largest law firms – four partners were elected to the board of directors.

Michael S. Bogren, Peter W. Peacock and Michael K. Sheehy each won re-election to the board while Kenneth C. Newa was elected to serve his first term. All will serve for three years.

Newa is a partner in Plunkett Cooney's Detroit office and co-chair of the firm's Insurance Coverage Practice Group. He focuses his practice principally upon the representation of insurance companies in a variety of insurance coverage disputes, including complex, high-exposure coverage litigation relating to environmental, asbestos, toxic tort and defective construction claims.

A *cum laude* graduate of University of Detroit School of Law, Newa is a member of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, the Environmental Law and Negligence sections of the State Bar of Michigan, and the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association. He is also a member of the Association of Defense Trial Counsel and the Insurance Law Committee of the Defense Research Institute.

Michael S. Bogren, who was also recently re-elected by the newly-seated board as its Secretary/Treasurer, manages Plunkett Cooney's Kalamazoo office and serves as the firm's Regional Office Department Leader. He focuses his practice in the areas of municipal law, civil rights and labor and employment law.

A 1982 *cum laude* graduate of University of Detroit School of Law, Bogren is active in a number of professional organizations, including the Kalamazoo County Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan (Public Corporations and Real Property sections), American Bar Association, International Municipal Lawyers Association and Association of Governmental Risk Pools.

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A partner in Plunkett Cooney's Mt. Clemens' office, Peter W. Peacock has been practicing law since 1984. His practice is concentrated in the areas of municipal law, zoning law, general liability, premises liability, product liability, personal injury, auto negligence, architect and engineer liability, family law, criminal law and admiralty and marine law.

Peacock is a past president of the Macomb County Bar Association and a member of the State Bar of Michigan and Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Bar Association. He is also a member of the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel, Association of Ski Defense Attorneys and Defense Research Institute.

Michael K. Sheehy, a partner in Plunkett Cooney's Detroit office, currently serves as the firm's Trucking & Transportation Practice Group Leader. He focuses his practice in the areas of trucking and transportation litigation, product liability, mold/toxin liability, construction law, premises liability and motor vehicle claims.

Sheehy is active in a number of trucking and transportation industry organizations, including the Trucking Industry Defense Association, the ALFA Transportation Practice Group and the Defense Research Institute's Trucking Law Committee.

Established in 1913, Plunkett Cooney maintains offices in nine Michigan cities and one each in Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis, Indiana. The firm employs 320 people, including 150 attorneys, many of whom are nationally known experts in their field. The firm has achieved the highest rating (AV) awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, a leading, international directory of law firms.

For more information about the recent board election at Plunkett Cooney, contact the firm's Practice Development Manager John Cornwell at (248) 901-4008.

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