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Attorney Spotlight

Tews Becomes a Partner

James A. Tews has become a partner in the law firm of Abrahams Kaslow & Cassman LLP. James joined the firm in 2003 after graduating magna cum laude from Creighton University School of Law.



James A. Tews

Since joining the firm, James has developed a broad estate planning practice which includes trust and probate administration, Special Needs planning and Medicaid planning. James has also established his practice in the areas of real estate and business law

AK&C Attorneys Receive Recognition from Best Lawyers in America®

We are pleased to announce that three attorneys from our firm have been included in The Best Lawyers in America® 2009. Timothy M. Kenny was selected for Municipal Law, Thomas J. Malicki for Trusts and Estates, John W. Herdzina for Corporate Law and Franchise Law and Howard J. Kaslow for Corporate Law.

This year was noteworthy for the firm. Tim Kenny was recognized for the first time, John Herdzina was recognized in the area of Franchise Law and this is the 20th year that Howard Kaslow has been listed in Best Lawyers.

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Legal Perspectives

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In Memory of Frank F. Pospishil 1942 - 2009

Our firm family is mourning the loss of a great partner, mentor, and friend. Frank F. Pospishil graduated from Creighton University School of Law in 1967 and joined the law firm of Abrahams Kaslow & Cassman LLP that same year.

Frank quickly discovered a passion for litigation where his intense preparation style and quick wit proved a winning combination. With over 42 years of experience in federal and state courts, Frank fought countless battles for the meat packing plants, city governments, and other major industries in Omaha, including cable television and banking. Never one to give up a fight, Frank would work tirelessly through the appeals process to ensure his clients came out on the winning side. Frank was admitted to practice before the United State Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States. *"Frank was an outstanding person and was always sympathetic to people's problems. He worked harder than any person in the firm and his preparation for trial was beyond compare."* - Fred Cassman, co-founder Abrahams Kaslow & Cassman LLP



Frank F. Pospishil

Frank had a talent for negotiation, just ask anyone who ever sat opposite him at the negotiation table. He was selected as a mediator for U.S. Arbitration and Mediation, Inc. which is the largest provider of Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Midwest where Frank achieved an approximate settlement rate of 80%.

Perhaps one of Frank's greatest achievements was as a mentor. Frank's guidance and advice were invaluable and his willingness to give of his time and talents was a gift to AK&C's attorneys. *"Frank was one of my mentors when I joined AK&C as an associate out of law school. I do not know how I would have gotten through those first couple of years as a young attorney without him. Just like any other attorney at the firm who had the privilege of working with and getting to know Frank, I could always count on him to welcome me into his office with an open door and a smile on his face. I am unquestionably a better attorney and a better person for having known Frank."* - Nick Dafney, partner

Frank volunteered extensively at Mary Our Queen Church where he served as a lecturer, minister of the Eucharist, and finance committee member. Frank was a member of the Omaha Downtown Rotary, Omaha and Nebraska Bar Associations, and Nebraska Association of Trial Lawyers. He was also a Fellow of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation.

Outside the firm Frank enjoyed spending his time traveling, reading, hunting, fishing, gardening, and cooking. Frank is survived by Mary Ellen, his wife of forty-one years and their four children, Brad, Cindy, Matt, and Doug and five grandchildren.

All who had the privilege to spend time with Frank, whether in a professional relationship or a social occasion, will always remember him for his sense of humor and generous spirit. *"Frank Pospishil was a lawyer's lawyer, always excited by the challenge of a complex legal issue and always available to counsel his partners and associates. His ethical standards were the highest, and he was the first person I would turn to for advice as to how to handle a novel problem in a lawsuit or how to interpret an ambiguous provision in a contract. Frank's sense of humor was legendary, and his commitment to his clients and to our firm always came before his own interests. No one I ever spoke to about Frank - whether friends, clients, fellow attorney, or judges - ever had anything other than the highest praise for him. I am proud to have been Frank's partner for almost 40 years."* - Howard Kaslow, partner