

Reinhart Attorney Francis W. Deisinger Named Fellow of American Bar Foundation

MILWAUKEE – Reinhart's General Counsel, Francis W. Deisinger, has been named a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation (ABF). The Fellows of the ABF is an honorary organization of attorneys, judges and law professors whose professional, public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession.

Established in 1955, The Fellows support the research program of the ABF. Membership in The Fellows is limited to one third of one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction. Members are nominated as Fellows in their states and elected by the ABF board.

As a shareholder in the Litigation Practice Area, Deisinger has more than 26 years of experience not only as a successful trial lawyer, but also as a creative negotiator and advisor able to design effective and practical solutions for his clients. He currently represents both fiduciaries and beneficiaries in trust and estate litigation and over his career has also defended manufacturers in product liability matters, represented businesses in acquisition disputes and litigated large vessel maritime accidents.

"Fran is certainly deserving of this recognition," said Jerome Janzer, Reinhart's CEO and Chairman. "We at Reinhart appreciate the services Fran provides to our firm and the entire legal community. As our General Counsel and Chair of our Ethics Committee, the advice Fran provides to the firm and its attorneys is invaluable."

Deisinger is very active in advancing and promoting the legal profession. He has been elected by Milwaukee's lawyers to serve as the President of the Milwaukee Bar Association in 2009-2010 and he was also the long-time chair of the Professionalism Committee of the MBA and a member of its Board of Directors.

For many years, Deisinger has spoken at seminars for lawyers on ethics and professionalism related topics, including providing ethics training for pro-bono lawyers. He also represents lawyers in licensure and discipline matters before the Wisconsin Office of Lawyer Regulation and Board of Bar Examiners, and he has represented lawyers leaving their law firms as well. *Law & Politics* has recognized Fran as one of Wisconsin's 2008 Super Lawyers, ranking him in the top five

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Deisinger is admitted to practice in Wisconsin and before numerous federal courts including the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin and the Northern District of Illinois. He received his undergraduate degree with distinction in 1976 with a double major in Classics and Mass Communication from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his law degree, with honors, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1982, where he represented the Law School in the national moot court competition.

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