

LEAD COUNSEL: PROFESSOR RICHARD M. ESENBERG

The *Wall Street Journal* refers to Professor Richard M. Esenberg as “a prominent Wisconsin lawyer” for good reason. An accomplished litigator and scholar, he is an acknowledged expert on issues of Wisconsin law and public policy. Wisconsin Family Council is honored that Professor Esenberg has agreed to serve as lead counsel for the plaintiff in *Appling v. Doyle*.



A *magna cum laude* graduate of Harvard Law School, Professor Esenberg is currently works as a full time law professor, teaching classes on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, civil procedure, and law and theology. Previously, he worked as a litigator at Foley & Lardner and as corporate counsel to a Milwaukee-based global manufacturer. During his years in full-time practice, he also served as adjunct professor of political science at UW-Milwaukee.

Widely respected for his litigation experience (he has an A-V peer review rating, the top grade, from Martindale-Hubbell), Professor Esenberg’s past clients include American Family Insurance, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, and the American Health Care Association. He has served as a counsel of record on twenty published cases, including actions before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Seventh and Federal Circuits, the Eastern and Western Wisconsin federal district courts, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. This is his second original action in the Wisconsin Supreme Court; he previously represented the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club in *Libertarian Party of Wisconsin v. State of Wisconsin* (1996), the Miller Park litigation.

Professor Esenberg is a respected voice on public affairs in Wisconsin and nationally. He contributes regularly to the opinion pages of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and to news/talk radio programs on WTMJ and WMCS. He blogs at Shark and Shepherd (sharkandshepherd.blogspot.com) and comments frequently in print and broadcast media on judicial issues. His legal writings are published or forthcoming in the Harvard Law Review, the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy, the William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal, the Mississippi Law Journal, the Roger Williams Law Review, and the Wisconsin Interest. He has also written white papers on the Wisconsin Supreme Court for The Federalist Society and Americans United for Life.

A policy advisor for the Heartland Institute, Professor Esenberg has served as an expert consultant and legal analyst for Wisconsin Right to Life, Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, the Wisconsin Policy Research Institute, the Wisconsin Family Council, and the Washington Legal Foundation. He is also a regular referee for the Wisconsin Supreme Court’s Office of Lawyer Recommendation. Professor Esenberg is a husband, father, and grandfather, and he lives in Mequon.