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## **EXPERIENCE**

Jane Clark is the Founder, CEO and Managing Partner of Lake Effect HR & Law, a firm devoted exclusively to representing and advising employers on all facets of HR and Employment Law. She has more than 25 years of human resources, labor, payroll and benefits experience as a law firm attorney, Director of HR at a multi-site Wisconsin company, and as Chief Operating Officer at a statewide comprehensive HR company. She has advised on employment law matters and human resources, payroll and benefits administration on behalf of for-profit and not-for-profit clients throughout Wisconsin and the U.S.

Jane has deep employment law, HR, payroll and benefits experience, and is a frequent speaker on a variety of HR and employment law topics, including anti-harassment, wage and hour, independent contractor compliance, social media, employee management and performance, and much more. Over the years, she has partnered with established and start-up companies and non-profit organizations in various industries to provide employment law services and stand-alone human resources services, as well as integrated human resources, payroll and benefits services. Jane is also licensed as a broker for health, life and disability insurance.

Between 2008 and 2020, Jane served as a Dane County (Wisconsin) Court Commissioner, a position to which she was appointed by Dane County Circuit Court Judge William Hanrahan. Previously, Jane was an attorney with Wisconsin based law



firms Clark & Gotzler (Madison), Chernov, Stern & Burbach (Milwaukee) and Balisle & Roberson (Madison). She has extensive legal experience in diverse areas, including employment, family, real estate, appellate, and corporate law. During her career, Jane has advised clients on wide-ranging employment matters, from COBRA, ADA and ACA guidance to harassment and discrimination claims, from labor relations to wage and hour compliance.

## **Professional Affiliations**

- State Bar of Wisconsin, Labor & Employment Section
- Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM)

## **Bar & Court Admissions**

- Wisconsin (1995)
- U.S. District Court, Federal District of Wisconsin (1995)

## **Education**

- University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D., 1995)
  - Recipient of the Shaw Fellowship
- Amherst College, Amherst, MA, cum laude (B.A., 1992)
  - Recipient of the Friends of Amherst Athletics Award
  - Women's Tennis, Captain

## **Honors & Recognition**

- Greater Madison "40 Under 40" recipient
- Brookfield Academy Athletic Hall of Fame two-time inductee

## **Community Involvement**

Jane is an active volunteer on educational, preservation, political and women's and children's issues. Her current involvements include the following:

- Park Bank Board of Directors
- Destination Madison Board of Directors
- Edgewood High School Board of Directors
- Blessed Sacrament School Education Advisory Commission
- Stanford University Parent Partners Committee

Past board and volunteer involvements include the following organizations:

- Taliesin Preservation Inc.
- Edgewood Athletic Association
- Doyenne Group (Madison)
- Madison Area Sports Commission
- YMCA of Dane County
- Associated Bank Regional Advisory Board (Madison)
- Wisconsin Women's Council (Madison)
- WPS Insurance Company Subscriber Advisory Council
- TEMPO Madison Membership Committee (Madison)
- Blessed Sacrament School Education Advisory Committee (Madison)
- Blessed Sacrament School Endowment Committee (Madison)
- Henry Vilas Zoo Auxiliary Board (Madison)
- Legal Association of Women (Madison)
- American Heart Association (Madison)
- Camp Randall Rowing Club (Madison)
- Preschool for the Arts (Madison)
- Dane County Bar Association Family Law Clinic (Madison)
- Madison Children's Museum (Madison)
- Family Services of Milwaukee (Milwaukee)
- Task Force of Family Violence (Milwaukee)
- WI AIDs Fund (Milwaukee)
- Council for the Spanish Speaking (Milwaukee)
- Association of Women Lawyers

## Personal

Jane lives with her husband, three sons, and adorable dog. Her husband is the Head Coach of the University of Wisconsin Men's Rowing Team. In her spare time, Jane enjoys playing tennis, cooking, reading, spinning, doing yoga, going on long walks, and watching her sons' sports.

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Strengthen Your Workplace Culture by Creating Strategic Goals Aligned with Your Mission"

- Fox Valley SHRM (September 2020)

"COVID-19: Paid Leaves of Absence"

- Destinations Wisconsin (August 2020)

"COVID-19: Preparing Your Workforce for the New Normal"  
St. Norbert College Non-profit Leadership Forum (June 2020)

"Sustaining Workplace Culture in a Virtual World"

- Doyenne Group Iso-Learning Series (April 2020)

"Life Lessons Learned: Leading A Team"

- Professional Women's Connection – Oshkosh Chapter, Oshkosh, WI (February 2020)
- Professional Women's Connection – Fox Valley Chapter, Appleton, WI (November 2019)

"Tough Conversations with Staff, Board and Volunteers"

- Nonprofit Leadership Initiative, Appleton, WI (January 2020)

"Creating a Workplace Destination"

- Destinations Wisconsin – CEO Forum, Neenah, WI (January 2020)

"Preventive Anti-Harassment Strategies for Employers"

- Stateline SHRM, McHenry, IL (September 2019)

"Attracting Diverse Employees and Retaining Them Through Inclusion"

- Forward Festival, Madison, WI (August 2019)

"Best Practices to Prevent Workplace Sexual Harassment"

- Wisconsin Department of Justice, Madison, WI (July 2019)

"Live Your Mission: Aligning HR with Your Mission"

- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region's Nonprofit Leadership Initiative, Appleton, WI (January 2019)

"Live Your Mission: Strengthen Your Workplace Culture by Creating Strategic Goals Aligned with Your Mission"

- Numbers 4 Nonprofits, Madison, WI (January 2019)

"Develop Your Employees and Grow Your Business"

- Tri-State Human Resources Association, Dubuque, WI (January 2019)

"Deciding Whom to Hire and When: Employees vs Independent Contractors"

- Starting Block Madison's Talent Maximizer Workshop (October 2018)

"Higher Quality Hiring: How to Grow Your Workforce with Intention"

- Forward Tech Fest, Madison, WI (August 2018)

"Is the Gig Up? Independent Contractor Compliance"

- State Bar of Wisconsin, Madison, WI (May 2018)

"Best HR Practices for Non-Profits: Independent Contractors, Anti-Harassment, and Managing Employee Turnover"

- Wegner CPAs HR Roundtable, Milwaukee, WI (February 2018)

"Live Your Mission: Align HR With Strategy "

- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region's Non-profit Leadership Initiative, Appleton, WI, seminar (January 2018)

"Organizations Dedicated to Supporting Women"

- Launch Wisconsin Conference, Green Bay, WI, panel (October 2017)

"Wage & Hour Review, Update and Projections"

- Tricom Industry Insider Webinar Series, webinar (October 2017)
- Greater Madison Chapter of the American Payroll Association, Madison, WI seminar (August 2017)

"FMLA Master Class: FMLA Eligibility, Managing Serious Health Conditions, Meeting Deadlines, Mastering Tough FMLA Issues, and Coordinating FMLA, ADA and Workers Compensation"

- BLR FMLA Master Class, seminar (September 2017)

"Workplace Investigations in the Staffing Industry"

- WI Association of Staffing Services, webinar (June 2017)

"A Review of the DOL's NEW Overtime Final Rule and Its Potential Impact on the Staffing Industry"

- Tricom Industry Insider Webinar Series, webinar (May 2016)

"The New FLSA Exemption Rule – Impact on Non-Profit Employers"

- Kollath & Associates, CPA, LLC, and Numbers for Nonprofits Breakfast With Benefits Series, Madison, WI (June 2016)

"The DOL's NEW Overtime Final Rule and Its Impact on Your Organization"

- Women President's Organization, Milwaukee, WI (June 2016)
- "Legal Aspects of Workplace Investigations"
- Metro Milwaukee SHRM and ASIS Investigations Conference, Milwaukee, WI (May 2016)

"Affordable Care Act Primer: What Employers Need to Know"

- Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Milwaukee, Madison, and Appleton, WI (May 2012)
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- CK Accounting Client Seminars, Madison, WI (December 2012)
- North American Association of Inventory Services, Milwaukee, WI (May 2013)
- Greater Madison Area Society for Human Resources Management, Madison, WI (May 2013)
- QTI Human Resources Education Series, Madison, WI (June 2013)

“Affordable Care Act Impact on Small Businesses”

- Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce, Madison, WI (September 2014)
- University Research Park, Madison, WI (September 2014)

“Social Media in the Workplace: Dos and Don'ts”

- Wisconsin Bankers Association, Wisconsin Dells, WI (May 2011)
- BioForward, Madison, WI (June 2011)
- Community Bankers Association, Lake Geneva, WI (September 2011)
- Greater Madison Area Society for Human Resources Management, Madison, WI (May 2012)
- Sun Prairie Chamber of Commerce, Sun Prairie, WI (July 2013)
- Wausau Chamber of Commerce, Wausau, WI (August 2013)

“Supervisory Skills 101: Dos and Don'ts”

- BioForward, Madison, WI (June, 2011).
- Sauk County Society for Human Resources Management, Baraboo, WI (October 2011).
- Portage, WI Chamber of Commerce, Portage, WI (May 2012).
- Wisconsin Dental Association, Annual Conference, Madison, WI (May 2012).

“How to Manage Difficult Employees and Situations”

- CK Accounting Client Seminars, Madison, WI (December 2012).
- Wisconsin Dental Association, Annual Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI (May 2013).
- Wisconsin Association of Legal Administration (WALA), Madison, WI (March 2013).

“HR Basics: Employee Files, Handbooks, and FLSA Classifications”

- Schenck Client Education Series, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, and Fond du Lac, WI (March 2013).
- Wisconsin Dental Association, Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI (November 2014).

“Employee Coaching and Professional Counseling to Minimize Liability”

- Racine Department of Workforce Development, Racine, WI (October 2012).
- Racine Department of Workforce Development, Racine, WI (September 2013).
- Racine Department of Workforce Development, Racine, WI (February 2014).
- Schenck Client Education Series, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, and Fond du Lac, WI (March 2013).

“Emerging HR Needs for Start-ups”

- SCORE, Madison WI (May 2012).
- Madison Media Institute, Madison, WI (February 2013).

“Managing the HR Side of a Dental Practice”

- Marquette Dental School, Milwaukee, WI (September 2012).
- Washington and Ozaukee Dental Society, Mequon, WI (October 2012).

“HR Support for Non-Profits”

- Madison College (MATC), Non-Profit Management Course, Madison, WI (March 2012).
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“Supervisory Development for Women Leaders”

- YWCA of Dane County, Y Women Lead Program, Madison, WI (May 2015).
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“Common HR Issues and Problems”

- Schenck Client Education Series, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, and Fond du Lac, WI (March 2013).

“HR Partnership Options for Organizations”

- Affiliated Staffing Groups National Conference, Madison, WI (May 2014).

“Non-Profit Economic Impact on Madison”

- Association of Fundraising Professionals, Madison, WI (September 2014).

“Effective Employee Engagement”

- Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Partnership (WMEP) Manufacturing Matters, Milwaukee, WI (May 2012).

“Non-Profit Leadership Succession and Transitions”



- Marquette University and QTI Group Client Education, Milwaukee, WI (May 2012).

“Doing More with Less: Effective Human Resources for Your Non-Profit in a Down Economy”

- Forward Community Investments, Madison, WI (October 2011).

“Supervisory Lessons Learned”

- Numbers 4 Nonprofits Client Seminars, Madison, WI (September 2015).