



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Milwaukee County

CHRIS ABELE • COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: October 22, 2013
TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Chris Abele, County Executive
SUBJECT: Appointment of Paul Bargren

Pursuant to Sec. 59.17(2) Wis. Stats, and subject to confirmation by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to appoint Mr. Paul Bargren to the position of Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Bargren was most recently a litigation partner with Foley & Lardner LLP where he focused his litigation practice on environmental and insurance matters, as well as defamation and open records matters. Mr. Bargren has been Peer Review Rated as AV® Preeminent™, the highest performance rating in Martindale-Hubbell's peer review rating system and has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2011 in the fields of commercial litigation, advertising law and litigation - environmental.

Mr. Bargren holds an undergraduate degree in communications (journalism emphasis) from the University of Illinois and received his J.D. degree, *magna cum laude*, in 1994 from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Before attending law school, Mr. Bargren worked for 19 years as a journalist at the *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* in Illinois and at the *Waukesha Freeman* and *The Milwaukee Journal*.

I have every confidence that Mr. Bargren will provide the leadership and vision needed for Milwaukee County. I urge you to give this appointment your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Abele".

Chris Abele
Milwaukee County Executive

Attachment

Cc: County Board of Supervisors
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Board of Supervisors