

Plunkett Cooney elects officers to lead board of directors

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At a recent meeting of the board of directors of Plunkett Cooney, one of the Midwest's oldest and largest law firms, partners Michael S. Bogren and Michael P. Ashcraft, Jr. were re-elected as board officers.

Bogren and Ashcraft, both long-time members of the board, were re-elected to serve one-year terms as chairman and secretary/treasurer, respectively.

Bogren is the managing partner of Plunkett Cooney's Kalamazoo office and has been a member of the board since 2003, serving as chair since 2012. He is a member of the firm's Governmental Law Practice Group and focuses his practice in the areas of municipal law, civil rights and labor and employment law.

A 1982 *cum laude* graduate of University of Detroit School of Law, Bogren has extensive experience representing municipalities in both state and federal court claims involving police liability, due process matters, First Amendment issues, alleged violations of the Michigan Open Meetings and Freedom of Information acts, zoning disputes and employment law.

Bogren is a member of several professional organizations, including the Kalamazoo County Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan (Public Corporations and Real Property sections), American Bar Association and International Municipal Lawyers Association.

Ashcraft is a partner in the firm's Bloomfield Hills office. In addition to his duties as a member of the board, he serves as Plunkett Cooney's Professional Liability Practice Group Leader and as general counsel to the firm.

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One of the state's leading professional liability attorneys, Ashcraft concentrates his practice primarily on the defense of attorneys and accountants in malpractice claims. He also represents insurance brokers and agents, securities brokers, real estate brokers and agents, investment advisors, officers and directors, and notaries public in professional liability cases in state and federal courts.

Admitted to state and federal courts in Michigan and Nebraska, Ashcraft graduated, *cum laude*, from Michigan State University College of Law in 1992. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1987. Ashcraft is a member of the Oakland County Bar Association's Negligence Section, the State Bar of Michigan's Professional Ethics Committee and the American Bar Association's Committee on Professional Responsibility and Liability.

Established in 1913, Plunkett Cooney is a leading provider of business and litigation services to clients in the private and public sectors. The firm employs approximately 150 attorneys in nine Michigan cities, Columbus, Ohio; Chicago, Illinois and Indianapolis, Indiana.

Plunkett Cooney has achieved the highest rating (AV) awarded by Martindale-Hubbell, a leading, international directory of law firms, and it was named by American Lawyer Media's as a "go-to" law firm in 2016. The firm has also received several awards naming it among the top workplaces in the legal industry.

For more information about Plunkett Cooney's recent board officer election, contact the firm's Director of Marketing & Business Development John Cornwell at (248) 901-4008 or via email at jcornwell@plunkettcooney.com.

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