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A POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP

More than a decade ago, Christopher T. Van Wagner and Tracey A. Wood joined their already proven practices to create a firm devoted exclusively to the successful defense of people charged with criminal and drunk driving offenses. Their record speaks emphatically to their dedicated, intelligent and professional approach to cases, as well as their skills in developing sound, creative and sometimes daring strategies to achieve many superb results.

ONE SUBSTANTIAL CAREER ...

As clients see for themselves in their initial contacts with Van Wagner, Chris is a fast study, and his previous work as a federal and state prosecutor (and insight into likely prosecution strategies) translates into an immediate, tangible strategic edge. His nearly 30-year career includes some rather remarkable victories—an acquittal for a client who confessed to the killing in a first-degree homicide case, an infamously risky but successful defense of a former D.A. charged with attempted murder, and the fact that he hasn't lost a sexual assault jury trial in the last decade. A repeat *Super Lawyers*® honoree and three-time recipient of the Martin Hanson Advocate's Prize, Van Wagner frequently serves as a criminal trial news commentator and legal analyst to national (Court TV, NBC, ABC) and local broadcasts, and teaches at criminal defense seminars, often lecturing on the importance of creative defense strategies.

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With published state and federal wins, Wood's victories are as notable as they are numerous—an acquittal in the largest military theft case in Wisconsin, a post-conviction win that freed a woman from a 10-year prison sentence, as well as numerous OWI trial and appellate wins. As president of the Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and Wisconsin's first attorney (first female and youngest member) ever appointed to the board of regents for the National College for DUI Defense, Wood is regarded as an authority on drunk driving laws. A repeat *Super Lawyers*® honoree, Wood is this year also named to the Top 25 Women list. Wood authored *Challenging Prior Operating Under Influence Convictions* and contributed

to *Drunk Driving Defense* (the DUI defense attorney's bible). Currently, she is writing a Wisconsin treatise on OWI laws and practice. Wood often serves as a news commentator and legal analyst for local media.



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