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Greensfelder makes an impact across the Metro East in 2019



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The Belleville office of Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., is continuing its mission of providing high-quality legal services while engaging with the communities of Southwest Illinois. The firm's office at 12 Wolf Creek Drive, Suite 100, is well-positioned to serve a wide range of business and individual clients, its leaders say.

"Our team provides a personal level of service from lawyers who live and work right here in the community," said Russell K. Scott, leader of Greensfelder's Belleville office. "We collaborate with other members of the firm in all office

locations while ensuring our clients here in the Metro East receive the same individual attention they would from a small firm."

Greensfelder attorneys are active in the Metro East community in numerous ways and have been recognized throughout this year for their contributions both to the legal profession and the community. Here are just a few recent highlights:

- **Kurt Schroeder** was honored as the 2018 Citizen of the Year by the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce. Schroeder accepted the award at the chamber's annual dinner in January. Schroeder has been deeply involved in the Metro East community throughout his career. He has served on the Belleville Township High School District 201 Board of Education, the Memorial Hospital East board, the board of Memorial Group Inc. and the BJC Patient Care Committee. He is also dedicated to serving the Boy Scouts and is a past president of the Okaw Valley Council and a member of the executive board of the Greater St. Louis Boy Scouts of America. Schroeder is an officer in Greensfelder's Business Services, Real Estate and Trusts & Estates practice groups.

- A new list of the top lawyers in Illinois includes eight members of Greensfelder's Belleville office. Leading Lawyers are selected in a peer-review process, and the following Greensfelder attorneys were ranked as Leading Lawyers for 2019 for the Metro East area: **Tom Hennessy, Garry Reuter Jr., Bill Schmitt, Don Schoemaker, Kurt Schroeder, Russell Scott, Kevin Vick,**

and **David W. Ybarra.**

- **Andy Wolkiewicz** was selected as participant in the Leadership Belleville program for the 2018-19 class. The program has trained over 400 community leaders and provides leadership and personal development skills members are able to use for their entire careers. Wolkiewicz is a member of the firm's Trusts & Estates practice group.

Kevin Vick is featured in the December 2019 edition of St. Louis Small Business Monthly among its Southern Illinois Top People to Know. Vick is a member of the Executive Committee for the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce. He is an officer in Greensfelder's Real Estate and Business Services groups.

- Two new associates joined the firm's Belleville office this year: **Jack Chassaing** and **John Hanson**. Both are members of the firm's Litigation Practice Group. Chassaing was previously an associate at Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney and received his law degree from Southern Illinois University. Hanson was most recently an assistant state's attorney in the Madison County State's Attorney's Office and received his law degree from Southern Illinois University.

- Greensfelder is a longtime sponsor of the annual Art on the Square event. The firm also sponsors its poster preview party, which this year was held April 17.

This year marked the third year for the Garrett C. Reuter, Sr. Foundation's annual golf tournament, created in memory of former Greensfelder Officer Garrett ("Garry") C. Reuter, Sr., who lost

his battle with prostate cancer in 2013.

The foundation was established in 2017 to help benefit prostate cancer research, provide direct aid to patients, and help spread awareness for prostate cancer. Reuter's son, **Garry Reuter Jr.**, is a current Greensfelder officer in the Trusts & Estates and Business Services groups and organizes the annual fundraising event. This year's tournament took place Oct. 4 at Far Oaks Golf Club.

- 42 Greensfelder attorneys were recognized in the 2020 edition of The Best Lawyers in America, including **Russell Scott** of the Belleville office. The firm also is highly ranked nationally and regionally in the 2020 edition of the U.S News – Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms." Greensfelder ranked in Tier 1 – the highest possible ranking – for Franchise Law and also earned high rankings nationally for ERISA litigation, advertising law and health care law. Tier 1 rankings for the St. Louis metro area include advertising law, commercial litigation, construction law, construction litigation, corporate law, employment law, ERISA litigation, franchise law, health care law, insurance litigation, labor law, real estate law, tax law, and trusts and estates law.

- Greensfelder was recognized by the Illinois Supreme Court this year for its participation in a program that supports the mentoring of new attorneys. The Lawyer-to-Lawyer Mentoring Program pairs experienced lawyers admitted to the Illinois bar with newer attorneys to provide them with guidance during their first years of practice.