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New Publications

New Illinois Law Requires Employers to Reimburse Employee Expenses

By [Troy E. Haggestad](#)



Did you know Illinois employers must now reimburse employee expenses because of an amendment to the Wage Payment and Collection Act? As a result, all Illinois employers should update their expense reimbursement policies and ensure every employee that incurs reimbursable expenses receives his/her reimbursement. [Click here](#) to get answers to some of the most frequently asked questions from Partner Troy Haggestad.

Illinois Limits Recourse Against Subcontractors in Residential Construction

By [Thomas P. Sandquist](#)



In Illinois, the courts created a warranty that allows buyers to sue their builder for any underlying defects that make the house unfit for use as a residence. But what happens if your builder becomes bankrupt and unable to pay any damages as a result of the residence being uninhabitable? [Click here](#) for more information.

5 Tips for Your Estate Plan When You - or a Family Member - are Tying the Knot

By [Adam M. Fleming](#)



February was National Weddings Month, and whether it was you or a family member who popped the question or said yes on Valentine's Day, marriage is among the life events that has the most significant impact on family estate plans. [Click here](#) for five important items couples should add to their list of wedding planning to-dos.

Client Successes

Partner James Devine Receives Three Favorable Awards for His Clients



- 1.) A three-attorney arbitration panel returned an award in favor of his client, Country Preferred Insurance Company in a wrongful death claim brought by a Country Preferred insured. [Click here](#) for more details.
- 2.) The arbitration panel returned a favorable award in an under insured motorist claim brought against his client, Country Preferred Insurance Company, the second result in such a hearing within 30 days. [Click here](#) for more details.
- 3.) The jury returned a verdict in favor of his client sued for negligence as a result of a rear-end collision. [Click here](#) for more details.

Rockford Park District Scores in Recent Court Ruling

The Rockford Park District recently scored several important wins over its insurance carrier in a dispute over coverage for pollution cleanup costs at the District's Sand Park site in Loves Park. Partners [Marc Gravino](#) and [Joel Huotari](#) represented the Park District as special insurance litigation counsel. [Click here](#) to read the full article.



People of WilliamsMcCarthy LLP



Associate [Daniel Huntley](#) was recently elected president of the Severson Dells Nature Center.

"I have had the privilege of working alongside an amazing group of volunteers and staff to further engage the next generation of nature enthusiasts," says Dan. "I look forward to helping Severson Dells continue to grow and develop this next year."

[Click here](#) to read the full announcement.

WilliamsMcCarthy LLP in the Community



WilliamsMcCarthy LLP supported [Rockford University's](#) annual gala, "Geek Out," on February 16. The funds raised at this year's event is helping to ensure that the university's technological infrastructure can continue to advance and provide an exemplary student and alumni experience.



On February 21, the firm also supported the 28th Annual Winnebago County Pheasants Forever Banquet. [Pheasants Forever](#) is a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to the protection and enhancement of pheasants and other upland bird populations in North America.



Earlier this month, WilliamsMcCarthy LLP supported the [YWCA of Northwestern Illinois](#) Leader Luncheon. Donations from community members and area businesses are being used to develop and expand programming and advocacies for women and families' in the region.



The [YMCA of Rock River Valley](#) held its annual community dinner on March 7. WilliamsMcCarthy LLP was a proud sponsor of this special event, which celebrated community accomplishments, honored some of the great leaders in our community, and featured special guest Brian Vander Ark, the lead singer and principal songwriter for the multi-platinum band, The Verve Pipe.



On March 23, the firm also sponsored the [Rockford Symphony Orchestra's](#) annual fundraising gala. The dollars raised from the event support the vital education and outreach programs of the RSO.

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