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Gingras, Cates & Luebke Merges with Richie, Wickstrom & Wachs and Adds New Attorney to the Waukesha Office

(Madison, Wis.) — The law firms of Gingras, Cates & Luebke and Richie, Wickstrom & Wachs have merged to form Gingras, Cates & Wachs (GCW). The merger is effective immediately and brings together all of the attorneys from two prominent plaintiff firms with offices now in Eau Claire, Madison and Waukesha, WI.

In addition to the formation of the newly merged law firm, Milwaukee Attorney, Mark Thomsen has joined the firm and will work out of the Waukesha office. Thomsen, a highly respected attorney, has been practicing law for more than 30 years in the Milwaukee area, and most recently at the law firm of Cannon & Dunphy.

"As our firm and the reach of our clients have grown over the years, it makes sense to continue this growth with another firm that has the same philosophies, reputation and successful outcomes as ours," says Attorney Beverly Wickstrom formerly of Richie, Wickstrom & Wachs. "Having Mark Thomsen join us at this exciting time of growth is just icing on the cake."

"Our two law firms collectively go back almost 50 years. Attorney Wickstrom and I worked together in the 1980s, and Attorney Wachs has been a personal friend for more than 30 years," says Attorney John Cates formerly of Gingras, Cates & Luebke. "We are very similar in many respects, we feel this move will make us all stronger together, more competitive, and most importantly we will be able to do great things for people in need of strong representation from passionate attorneys," adds Cates.

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Attorney Mark Thomsen obtained his law degree from Marquette University Law School. He is on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Association for Justice, and served as the President in 2009. Thomsen is currently the Chair of the Wisconsin Elections Commission, as well as a member on other boards and associations.

"I am very proud and excited to join quality lawyers, with integrity and courage, in our new growing firm with a statewide presence to better serve our clients wherever they call home," says Attorney Mark Thomsen. "It is also a special privilege to be reunited with my former partner, Lynn Laufenberg, to expand our new firm's services in southeast Wisconsin and Milwaukee, " adds Attorney Thomsen.

"Like the lawyers we are joining from Gingras, Cates & Luebke, Dana, Beverly and I have prided ourselves on delivering quality representation in the Chippewa Valley and throughout the State of Wisconsin. This merger will broaden each firm's state-wide presence without taking away from all of our local ties," says Attorney John Richie formerly of Richie, Wickstrom & Wachs

GCW has 12 attorneys located in the three Wisconsin offices and employs just under 20 other legal professionals. GCW specializes in personal injury, insurance misconduct, professional malpractice, class action law suits, civil rights and employment law, as well as family law.

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