



## President's Column

*By Dan Rousseau  
MG+M The Law Firm*

The return of Fall always ushers in a busy time for the Lawyers Association. This year is no exception. Last month was the annual Judicial Appreciation Event. I think there were actually more judges in attendance than attorneys. But the appreciation of our judges was well deserved, and addressed so eloquently by our speaker [Tom Neill](#). Special appreciation for our three honored Judges, [Judge Baker](#), [Judge Cohen](#), and [Judge Vincent, III](#).

The end of September also saw the Award of Honor Committee meet to vote on this year's winner for the prestigious award. I want to thank all of the Committee members for their time and consideration for such an important honor. The 2022 Award of Honor winner is [Peter Dunne](#). Peter is the person almost synonymous with the Lawyers Association for all that he has done for the organization over the years. In addition to his sterling legal career and charitable contributions, Peter is a true friend, mentor and respected colleague. Congratulations Pete! Remember to save the date for the Award of Honor dinner on March 11, 2023 at the MAC.

Before everyone starts ducking out of the office early, and planning their Holiday party schedule, this year's Gridiron is right around the corner. The directors [Tom Neill](#) and [Chantal Mehill](#) are running the cast through a grueling practice schedule to guarantee you perfection at this year's show (or as close as a bunch of attorneys with no theatrical training can get). Thank you to all the past presidents of the Lawyers Association who donated money and brought dinner to the cast. Your contributions were greatly appreciated by the cast and a wel-

## Gridiron— The Times, They Are A-Changin—11-11-2022

The 65<sup>th</sup> annual Gridiron Show is around the corner. Co-directors [Chantal Mehill](#) and [Tom Neill](#) promise this year's show will be the best ever. The show will be at the St. Louis Marriott Grand Hotel at 8<sup>th</sup> and Washington Streets. Valet parking is available at the hotel's entrance.



As an added "bonus" four long-time cast members will be inducted into the Gridiron Hall of Shame. They are [Julie Fix Meyer](#) and [Anne Geraghty Rathert](#). The late [Al Harris](#) and the late [Judge Thad Niemira](#) will also be inducted into the Hall of Shame.

**Tickets may be obtained on the association's website ([thelawyersassociationofstlouis.org](http://thelawyersassociationofstlouis.org)) or by contacting Jim Susman at 314-991-5297.**



Long time cast member [Jim Gottschalk](#) trying to dance with Goliath, a member of the VFW Hall.

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come break from eating Pointer's Pizza twice a week with salad and only French dressing (does anyone other than my dad still use French dressing?).

This year's show will offer some big musical numbers, flawless choreography, and sidesplitting videos. Or at least a warm piece of steak with a potato and vegetable and overly priced drinks. Remember, this year's show is one week earlier on November 11, 2022, and we have a new location. Gridiron is at the Downtown St. Louis Marriott Grand. It was time to spice things up with our venue and add a little more space for the revelry sure to come. For those with tickets already, I look forward to seeing you there. For those that do not, hurry up and contact [Jim Susman](#) and get your tickets. I cannot promise how the Gridiron will turn out, but I can promise you will regret it if you aren't there in person on the 11th!

Thanks and see you all Opening Night!

## Award of Honor – March 11, 2023

[Peter Dunne](#) will be the recipient of 75th annual Award of Honor given by The Lawyers Association. Peter is a partner with Pitzer Snodgrass, PC. The dinner will be held at the Missouri Athletic Club – Downtown on Saturday, March 11, 2023.



Peter is a Past President of The Lawyers Association and has been active cast member of the Gridiron Show since 1991. In addition to signing and dancing in the show, Peter directed 10 shows over a span of 12 years and served as an Assistant Director for several years after that.

Details regarding the Award of Honor dinner will be announced soon.

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## Gridiron Rehearsal Photos



The next generation of Gridiron performers is [Cate Rousseau](#), [Dan Rousseau's](#) daughter.



# Happy Halloween, fellow lawyers of the Lawyers Association

By Erin Milligan  
Executive Committee Member

Tis' the season of candy corn, corn mazes, colorful corn cobs, and corn...ucopias...and this viral video about the delights of corn. This boy really loves corn; it's got the juice. <https://youtu.be/1dclFWQZw04>

But have I told you about Corn Nuts™?

Last week when I was in trial (confession: administrative hearing), the Judge afforded us a "comfort break" after some very contentious testimony. While on this break, I broke open a bag of Corn Nuts™. As I munched, a couple of things struck me, which I then pondered throughout my day. First, Corn



Nuts™ are indisputably delicious. If someone suggested that they don't care for Corn Nuts™, personally, I'd walk away and not waste any more time listening to that person's unbelievable drivel. That's like saying you don't like chocolate; those people are just untrustworthy. Second, Corn Nuts™ have very simple ingredients – just corn, corn oil and salt. That makes them a "whole food," I think. And healthy? Third, these Corn Nuts™ were supplying me with the calories I needed to get through this unconscionably ridiculous and wasteful hearing. And they are VERY caloric. This tiny little bag I'm holding allegedly contains four servings! FOUR servings! Who ARE these people!? Who could possibly resist eating an entire bag of Corn Nuts in just a single sitting, because, let's be honest people, this is a single serving. But that one serving contains a whopping 520 calories. Talk about a meal replacement! Or a three-meal replacement. I can't recommend Corn Nuts™ if you're trying to lose weight.

But this brings me to my final and most important point. As I crunched on these Corn Nuts™, the crunchy loud sounds rattling my brain, I realized that Corn Nuts™ are excellent for releasing aggression. Not only are they VERY crunchy and VERY loud, but you can really experience some stress relief as you grind away. Every time you crunch, just think about crushing the bones of your opponents. Every stupid objection, more crunching. Every obfuscation, more crunching. Every time you have to look at opposing counsel's stupid face, MORE CRUNCHING! Thinking about bones is like thinking about skeletons, and 'tis the season to be thinking about skeletons. And 'tis always the season to be thinking about crushing the bones of your legal enemies as you crunch away on delicious and satisfying Corn Nuts™.

So Happy Halloween, and Happy Corn Nut™ crunching.

## Upcoming Events

**Holiday Party** – Tues. Dec. 6  
McGurk's – 5:30 p.m.

**Bowling Tournament**  
Wed. Jan. 25 (tentative date)  
Saratoga Lanes

**Black History Month Program**  
Thurs. Feb. 16  
5:30 p.m.  
Location to be determined

**Award of Honor**  
Sat. March 11  
6:00 p.m.  
Missouri Athletic Club—Downtown

**Happy Hour**  
April—date & location to be determined

**Memorial Service**  
Thurs. May 25 (tentative date)  
Civil Courts Building

**Election**  
Thurs. May 11 (tentative date)  
location to be determined



Teri Appelbaum,  
immediate Past  
President of the LASL  
accepts the President's  
Award plaque from Dan  
Rousseau at the Judicial  
Appreciation event.

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# Judicial Appreciation Recap

The association held its annual Judicial Appreciation dinner program at Live by Loews! In September. Honorees included recognition to all members of the Bench as well as Judges Nannette Baker, Patricia Cohen and David Vincent III for their serving on the Bench for 25 years. Tom Neal of Gray Ritter Graham was the featured speaker.

