



## **Bakke Norman Celebrates Attorney Blake Fischer's Graduation from Leadership Eau Claire**

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Bakke Norman has announced that attorney Blake Fischer has successfully completed the Leadership Eau Claire program. The graduation, recognized on June 1, 2026, highlights attorney Fischer's dedication to professional development and community leadership in the Eau Claire area. This achievement underscores the firm's ongoing commitment to fostering leaders who contribute to the strength and future of Northwest Wisconsin communities.

Leadership Eau Claire is a program dedicated to developing leaders who help shape a stronger future for the Eau Claire community. Participants engage in intensive training that covers local issues such as local agriculture and environment, education, business and industry, and volunteerism and human services in the Eau Claire area. The curriculum equips emerging leaders with skills to address regional challenges and opportunities while building connections with other community leaders to better serve our clients. Bakke Norman supports such initiatives as part of its broader involvement in the communities it serves.

Attorney Fischer practices in areas including business transactions, real estate law, succession planning, trust and estate matters, and banking and financial institutions law. His participation in the Leadership Eau

Claire program aligns with his role in serving business clients and contributing to regional economic vitality. The program's focus on community development complements the firm's work with individuals, businesses, and government entities across multiple practice areas.

Bakke Norman was founded in 1985 by Gary Bakke, George Norman, and Tom Schumacher. The firm began in a small office located in the historic New Richmond Heritage Center. It expanded to a dedicated building in New Richmond and added offices in Baldwin and Menomonie. In January 2021, the firm opened its fourth location in Eau Claire to better serve the eastern portion of Northwest Wisconsin. Today, with attorneys licensed in Wisconsin and other states where applicable, the firm provides comprehensive legal services from these four strategic locations.

The firm's attorneys handle a wide range of matters, including civil litigation, business transactions, debtor-creditor relations, personal injury, criminal defense, employment law, municipal law, tax law, estate planning, and probate. This breadth allows the team to address interconnected legal needs efficiently. Collaboration among attorneys ensures clients receive coordinated support, whether navigating a business deal, resolving a dispute, or planning for the future.

"Completing Leadership Eau Claire has been a valuable experience that deepened my understanding of the Eau Claire community and its priorities," said Blake Fischer, attorney at Bakke Norman. "The program reinforced the importance of active civic engagement and provided insights that enhance my ability to serve clients effectively in the region."

The firm maintains a strong presence in Eau Claire and surrounding areas. Its Eau Claire office, located at 7 South Dewey Street, Suite 220, serves as a convenient hub for local clients. Attorneys regularly engage with community organizations and initiatives that promote economic growth, education, and quality of life. Participation in programs like Leadership Eau Claire reflects a longstanding tradition of investing in the people and places where the firm operates.

Other attorneys at Bakke Norman also demonstrate community involvement through various leadership roles and professional organizations. This collective engagement strengthens the firm's reputation as a trusted resource grounded in regional knowledge and professional excellence. The firm has earned recognition as one of the Best Law Firms in America by U.S. News & World Report and maintains high standards in all practice areas.

Northwest Wisconsin benefits from a mix of agricultural, manufacturing, retail, and professional services businesses. Bakke Norman attorneys draw on decades of experience to help clients in these sectors with transactions, compliance, dispute resolution, and strategic planning. The firm's approach emphasizes practical solutions tailored to local conditions and client objectives.

Bakke Norman values the development of its attorneys as both legal professionals and community contributors," added David Schoenberger, another attorney at Bakke Norman. Blake Fischer's accomplishment in Leadership Eau Claire exemplifies the type of commitment that benefits not only our clients but also the broader region we serve."

As the firm marks over 40 years of service, it continues to adapt to evolving legal needs while upholding its founding principles of integrity and client focus. The addition of leaders like Blake Fischer through programs such as Leadership Eau Claire ensures Bakke Norman remains well-positioned to meet future challenges in Northwest Wisconsin. The firm remains dedicated to delivering superior legal services with a deep understanding of the communities in New Richmond, Baldwin, Menomonie, Eau Claire, and beyond.

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