

**FORMER JUDGE TOM SAZAMA JOINS
WELD, RILEY, PRENN & RICCI, S.C.**

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EAU CLAIRE – The law firm of Weld, Riley, Prenn and Ricci, S.C. is pleased to announce former Circuit Judge Thomas Sazama has joined the firm.

Commenting on Sazama joining the firm was Firm President Steve Weld, who stated, “Tom has been a legal icon in the Chippewa Valley for decades. Even prior to going to the bench, Tom had an immensely successful business practice throughout Western Wisconsin. His knowledge of the law and contacts throughout the State make him a natural fit with our Firm. Whether it be assisting businesses or mentoring our younger lawyers, he will truly be an asset to everyone he works with and represents.”

Sazama is joining Weld, Riley in an “Of Counsel” capacity. In this new role, he will work with expanding the Firm’s presence in Chippewa County and the surrounding areas. In addition to expanding the Firm’s client base, Tom will work with existing clientele in providing advice on corporate, regulatory and litigation matters. Tom will also be heavily involved in training and mentoring the Firm’s younger lawyers in all areas of the practice of law.

Prior to joining the Firm, Sazama served as a Circuit Judge in Chippewa County since his appointment to the position by Governor Tommy G. Thompson in 1994. Prior to being Judge, Tom practiced law in the Chippewa Valley and represented individuals and corporations in all areas of business law. Tom received his Law Degree from Marquette University and an undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin. Tom also served in an Infantry Unit during the Vietnam War. Tom is originally from Chippewa Falls and has resided in the area with his family since 1973.

The Weld, Riley, Prenn and Ricci law firm was formed in 1991. The firm practices in all major areas of the law and is comprised of a Litigation, Labor and Employment, Business, Real Estate and Estate Planning and Government Relations sections. The firm employs 64 people and is the largest law firm in the region.