

## WALKER WILCOX IS IN WISCONSIN

In addition to Walker Wilcox Matousek LLP's office locations in Chicago and Houston, the firm also has a full-time presence in Wisconsin through veteran Walker Wilcox attorney Eric Blanchard. Eric, who joined Walker Wilcox immediately after its founding in 2005, began living and working in the Madison, Wisconsin area since moving there from Chicago in 2013. Still a member of the Illinois bar, Eric also is a licensed Wisconsin lawyer, providing the firm's clients with close proximity to all Wisconsin state and federal courts.

Wisconsin is among the few states with a direct action statute that allows plaintiffs to directly name insurers as defendants in underlying litigations against the insurers' policyholders. As a result, instead of only monitoring underlying litigation in Wisconsin, insurers are frequently forced to be a direct participant. Since moving to Wisconsin, Eric has helped Walker Wilcox's insurance clients defend against direct action cases in multiple counties throughout the state, including cases with active coverage disputes. For insurers with underlying claims in Wisconsin, Walker Wilcox is well-positioned to handle these cases, along with any other direct defense or coverage litigation filed in Wisconsin. For anyone needing more convincing, Eric grew up in Wisconsin and remains dedicated to all things cheese and beer.