

Short Bio
Donald A. Daugherty, Jr.

Donald A. Daugherty, Jr., is Senior Litigation Counsel at the Defense of Freedom Institute. He previously served as a Senior Counsel at the Institute for Free Speech and the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty. Before that, he was a partner at three of Wisconsin's largest firms, with nearly 30 years of trial and appellate litigation experience. He has been consistently recognized as among the "Best Lawyers in America," as well as Wisconsin's "Super Lawyers."

Don has served on the boards of numerous civic and charitable organizations, including as President of the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association. Don was appointed by the Supreme Court of Wisconsin to the state's Judicial Commission in August 2021 and, after reappointment in 2024, he continues to serve on the Commission. He also serves on the Preliminary Review Committee of Supreme Court of Wisconsin's Office of Lawyer Regulation.

Don is on the Board of Advisors for the Milwaukee Chapter of the Federalist Society, and on the Executive Committee of the Society's Litigation Practice Group.

Don is licensed to practice law in Wisconsin and the District of Columbia. He has been admitted to practice before federal courts across the country, including the Second, Fifth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, and Federal Circuits, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Don earned his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law and his B.A. from the University of Virginia. After law school, he clerked for the Hon. Roger J. Miner on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.