

TIMOTHY COSTELLO

CONSTRUCTION LAWYER

Whether he's coaching hockey inside the boards or talking law inside the boardroom, attorney Timothy Costello enjoys a good challenge.

Costello represents employers in the construction industry through his Milwaukee law firm, Krukowski & Costello SC.

"I do labor and employment law, and I do a fair amount of that in the construction industry," he said.

In his free time, he cheers on his 18-year-old son Jeff, who recently was drafted into the National Hockey League to play for the Ottawa Senators Hockey Club. Jeff is one of three Costello children, all of whom played hockey while growing up. Costello, who used to coach hockey on a regular basis when his children were growing up, now sometimes helps his oldest son, 25-year-old Dan, who coaches youth hockey.

"I grew up in Detroit, and it's a big sport there," Costello said of hockey. "I coached my kids. All my kids played."

While Costello enjoys a good game on the ice, he also looks forward to a challenge in the office — or on the work site. Because construction sites have numerous employees working for several companies, there can be issues of control, safety and discrimination, he said.

"The labor issues are very chal-

lenging," Costello said. "(And) the logistics are always unique because the job sites are always different. ... No two job sites are alike."

Costello, who graduated from Marquette Law School in 1980, represented unions for nearly five years in his early career. Then he shifted his focus to management and has been representing employers ever since.

He met his wife, Debbie, at Marquette; he was finishing law school and she was finishing her undergraduate studies. Their three sons have been a constant source of pride for them.

"My wife and I are very proud of (Jeff)," Costello said, referring to the recent draft. "He has sacrificed a lot that 'normal' teenagers get to do. For example, senior prom, homecoming, etc. His focus and determination have paid off."

Dan graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and is learning the ropes in sales, Costello said.

And his middle son, 22-year-old Matt, will be studying at Costello's alma mater this fall as he works toward his master's and doctorate degrees in history.

"I was a history major, and we know Marquette has a good program," Costello said. "We're confident he'll do well."

— Susan Suleski



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