

## a**DONE**deal

**Client Name:** OZAUKEE BANK  
**Other Key Players:** Hovde Financial, Inc.; Harris Bank, N.A. (Bank of Montreal)  
**Type of Deal:** Acquisition (by merger)  
**Size of Deal:** \$190 million+

**Principal WHD Team Members:** John Emanuel, Larry Dalton, George Roth, Justin Szalanski, Eric Lenzen, Deborah Hall (paralegal)

**Practice Groups Involved:** Corporate, Securities

**W**hen the Board of Directors of Ozaukee Bank decided to explore alternative strategies to enhance shareholder value, it relied on its attorneys at Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C. for advice. WHD provided counsel to the board in understanding its role and duties to the bank's shareholders and helped the board establish and implement a process to identify and evaluate the available alternatives.

When the decision was made to consider a sale or merger of the bank, WHD guided the board through the process of soliciting and

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## WHD advises Ozaukee Bank in merger with Harris Bank, N.A.

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evaluating proposals from potential merger partners, working side-by-side with the bank's investment banking firm Hovde Financial, Inc. After the board selected Harris Bank, N.A. (a subsidiary of the Bank of Montreal) as its merger partner, WHD took primary responsibility for negotiating and consummating the transaction.

The successful transaction provided a superior outcome for the Ozaukee Bank shareholders while enhancing the resources the bank (now Harris Bank, N.A.) brings to the communities it has served for many years.

