

# Hoefert Law Firm recognized as Business of the Month for October

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GODFREY - The Hoefert Law Firm in Godfrey has been recognized as the River Bend Growth Association Business of the Month for October.

"I appreciate being recognized by the River Bend Growth Association," John W. Hoefert Jr. said. "It really is a great organization, and it does the entire area a lot of good."

Hoefert has practiced law since 1980. Taking up the torch passed on to him by his father, he has patterned his work ethic and people skills after John Hoefert Sr., who practiced law for 50 years and served as Alton city attorney.

"I started out as an accounting major," Hoefert said. "My senior year I realized I did not want to be an accountant. My dad was an attorney, but he never really pushed me to follow in his footsteps."

Hoefert began his career with a stint at the Madison County State's Attorney's Office before working with a personal injury firm in Granite City from 1982 until 1985.

He then spent 20 years sharing a practice with his father until the senior Hoefert died in 2005.

"I respected the way he treated people," Hoefert said of his father. "He treated everyone with respect and fairness, and he was very honest. He genuinely liked people, and I always admired that."

Hoefert's new office on Godfrey Road opened in June 2005. He specializes in personal injury (primarily automobile accidents), estates, wills, worker's compensation and services for dozens of small businesses.

"When people are injured, it behooves them to get a lawyer in any type of automobile accident where there is significant injury," he said. "Wills are also important and relatively inexpensive. What prompts a lot of people to get wills is going on vacation. Powers of attorney are also just as important."

Self-employed in the general practice of law with an emphasis on personal injury, worker's compensation and probate, Hoefert relies less on advertising and more on reputation and word-of-mouth referrals. Recognizing the importance of a good relationship with area clients, Hoefert makes his home in the Godfrey area, where he lives with his wife of 28 years, Debbie, a third-

grade teacher at Eunice Smith. His children, Chris, 25; Laura, 23; and Sarah, 19; also live in the area.

"I'm a homebody," Hoefert said. "My mom and my siblings live here, so this is home, and I really like the area."

Preferring an active lifestyle, Hoefert likes to work out, run, and participate in sporting activities.

"That is something I have always liked to do," he said. "I also like to golf, and I love to bow hunt. My dad and brothers hunted, so it is something I have enjoyed doing for a long time."

Hoefert's office on Godfrey Road recently was partially gutted and restored, including installation of a green metal roof.

Hoefert Law Firm is located at 3017 Godfrey Road. For more information or to make an appointment for consultation, call (618) 467-2500.