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Partner

Partner in the Trial practice group, and co-Chair of the Products Liability practice group. Practices in the areas of product liability, computer and software litigation, and other complex civil litigation.

Representative Litigation

- ✦ Counsel for Merck in VIOXX litigations in several states, including North & South Dakota and Alaska
- ✦ Counsel for Ortho-McNeil in HRT litigations in Minnesota
- ✦ *In Re: Baycol MDL* (Local liaison defense counsel in MDL pharmaceutical litigation involving over 7,000 cases and 17,000 plaintiffs)
- ✦ *Showa Denko* L-tryptophan litigation (lead local counsel for defendant in 80+ product liability cases)
- ✦ *Richard Slatinski v. Bombardier, Inc.* - Lead defense counsel in a multimillion dollar wrongful death claim involving personal watercraft.
- ✦ *Jennifer Rose v. Bombardier, Inc., et al.* - Lead defense counsel in products liability claim in Washington State court involving alleged defective boat design (tried to a successful defense verdict).
- ✦ *Michael Nowicki v. Bombardier, Inc., et al.* - Lead defense counsel in leg amputation case involving alleged defective snowmobile design (arbitration found no defense liability).
- ✦ *State of Minnesota v. Philip Morris, et al.* (Tobacco industry Medicaid litigation) Lead liaison counsel for defendants
- ✦ *Waxler v. Trinity Industries* (E.D. Louisiana) (lead counsel for defendants Jotun A/S & Jotun Paints in purported class action defending claims of defective coating on 2,500+ river barges)
- ✦ *Tanana Chiefs Conference v. Oracle Corporation* (N.D. California) (lead counsel for plaintiff native Alaskan corporation against defendant alleging defective software and inadequate implementation)
- ✦ *TriValley Growers v. Oracle Corporation* - Lead Plaintiff's counsel in multimillion dollar litigation against defendant alleging defective software products - settled for undisclosed amount.
- ✦ *Accord v. Oracle Corporation* - Lead Plaintiff's counsel in multimillion dollar litigation against defendant alleging defective software, negligent implementation services and fraud - settled for undisclosed amount.
- ✦ *Metcalf & Eddy v. Puerto Rico Aqueduct & Sewer Authority* (Lead Plaintiff's counsel on \$55 million dollar engineering/construction litigation - U.S. District Court, San Juan, Puerto Rico, First Circuit Court of Appeals and U.S. Supreme Court)
- ✦ *Mergentime v. Hazen & Sawyer and Metcalf & Eddy* (Lead defense counsel on

\$52 million dollar engineering malpractice litigation in U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York)

- ✦ *In Re: New York & New Jersey Powerhouse Asbestos cases* (Defense counsel for a defendant in over 800 cases)
- ✦ *CPT Corp. v. Tandon* (Lead defense counsel in multimillion dollar litigation involving allegedly defective computer disk drives)
- ✦ *Marvin Windows v. Norton Co.* (Lead defense counsel in major multimillion dollar litigation involving allegedly defective window sealant)
- ✦ Weyerhaeuser Company, National Formaldehyde Trial Counsel (coordinated 180+ cases and personally tried two cases to verdict), 1978-1989

Admissions

- ✦ Minnesota
- ✦ Minnesota Supreme Court
- ✦ U.S. Court of Appeals: 1st, 5th, 8th and 10th Circuits
- ✦ U.S. Supreme Court
- ✦ Various Federal District Courts

Honors

- ✦ Named a "Super Lawyer" by *Minnesota Journal of Law & Politics*, 2009
- ✦ Listed in *Best Lawyers in America*, annually since 1992
- ✦ Outside counsel member, Products Liability Advisory Council - invitation only

Education

- ✦ University of Minnesota Law School
J.D., 1969
- ✦ University of Minnesota
B.A., Philosophy, Political Science & History, 1966

Professional Activities

- ✦ Chair, Litigation Section Governing Council, Minnesota State Bar Association, 1991
- ✦ Member, Supreme Court Judicial Evaluation Committee
- ✦ Member, Supreme Court Product Liability Jury Instruction Advisory Committee
- ✦ Member, Product Liability Advisory Committee
- ✦ Member, Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Evidence

Presentations

- ✦ Frequent CLE lecturer