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Of Counsel

**Business Litigation
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Biography

Dan's vast experience allows him to quickly grasp difficult issues and develop creative and cost-effective solutions to legal problems. He provides realistic case assessments early on in lawsuits, allowing his clients to effectively evaluate their best options for reaching a resolution. Clients appreciate that Dan seizes the opportunity to learn about their products and business.

On vacation, you can usually find Dan about 60 feet under the surface of the Caribbean Sea.

Education

University of Minnesota Law School, J.D.,
magna cum laude, 1987

University of Minnesota, Humphrey Institute of
Public Affairs, M.A., Hubert H. Humphrey
Fellow

University of Minnesota, B.A.

Bar Admissions

Minnesota State Courts

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. District Court (District of Minnesota,
Southern District of Texas)

U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit

Key Practice Experience

- Employment litigation
- Commercial and business tort litigation
- Trade secrets litigation
- Products liability litigation
- Fire and explosion cases
- Construction litigation

Key Industry Experience

- Solid Waste Industry
- Industrial and Construction Equipment
- Manufacturing
- Financial Services
- Gaming, including Indian Gaming
- Warehousing

- Building Construction

Representative Matters

- *Associated Milk Producers Inc. v. Atlas Copco* (industrial fire loss)
- *Bowman v. Robert W. Baird & Co.* (discrimination claim)
- *Schramm v. Village Chevrolet* (pregnancy discrimination claim)
- *BFI vs. Freeway Transfer* (breach of contract)
- *Driscoll v. Standard Hardware, et al.* (industrial equipment failure claim)
- *Target v. Shazam* (breach of contract)
- *Royal Concrete v. Professional Services Ind.* (construction defect/professional negligence claim)
- *Staffworks v. Coastal Pacific Foods* (contract and trade secrets claims)
- *Fate v. BFI* (landfill expansion)
- *BFI v. Hennepin County* (constitutional challenge to county ordinance)
- *American Summit Mortgage v. Goldade* (non-compete enforcement)
- *CATCO v. Dorso Trailers* (breach of contract)
- *Bank of America v. Churchill Capital* (breach of contract and commercial fraud claims)
- *Siewart v. Allied Waste* (workers' compensation retaliation claim)
- *Coleman v. Minneapolis Public Schools* (discrimination claim)

Recognitions and Honors

- Multi-year recognition by peers in Minnesota *Super Lawyers*®, including top 40 honors for business litigation

Publications and Presentations

- Chair, Federal Bar Association, Minnesota Chapter, 2008 Seminar
- Presenter, 2006 Business Law Institute, "Inadvertent Partnership, Can You Manage the Risk?"
- Chair, Expert Witness Seminar
- Presenter, "Emerging Case Law – Trends and Topics in Electronic Discovery"
- Presenter, "Experts and the Spoliation of Evidence"

Professional Associations

- Federal Bar Association, Minnesota Chapter, former Member, Board of Directors; former Vice President, Legal Education
- Hennepin County Bar Association, Member, Bench and Bar Committee
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Community Engagement

- Fundraiser, American Cancer Society
- Youth Soccer Coach