



David J. Warden (DJ)

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Biography

DJ is a Shareholder with the firm and prides himself on working collaboratively with clients to efficiently defend complex product liability cases and favorably resolve commercial disputes. To achieve these results, DJ thoroughly analyzes each case from its inception and creates a tailored litigation plan that incorporates his client's business objectives.

DJ recognizes that business does not always run smoothly, and his devotion to learning each client's business and their products ensures that he is best positioned to manage any problems should they arise. Armed with this knowledge, DJ regularly advises on preventative measures and risk management strategies in an effort to avoid future disputes and lawsuits. He also counsels clients on product safety issues, on-product warnings and labels, regulatory compliance, and recalls.

In his spare time, DJ enjoys fly-fishing with his three Labrador Retrievers and spending time with family. You are also likely to find him playing tennis and golfing throughout the Twin Cities.

Education

University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2012

Grinnell College, B.A., Biology

Bar Admissions

Minnesota State Courts

U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

Key Practice Experience

- Product liability defense
- Commercial and business litigation
- Consumer class actions
- Mass tort litigation
- Preventative measures and risk management counseling
- Fire and explosion cases
- Contract, warranty and UCC disputes
- Development of on-product warnings and labels, manuals, and recall policies
- CPSC and other regulatory investigations
- Insurance and subrogation defense

Key Industry Experience

- Recreational products and powersports
- Consumer products
- Personal transportation and micromobility
- Children's products and toys
- Food industry litigation
- Medical device and pharmaceutical
- Real estate disputes and construction defect cases

- Shareholder and partnership disputes
- Industrial and agricultural equipment
- Trucking and transportation
- Sporting goods

Recognitions & Honors

- Listed in Minnesota *Rising Stars*

Publications and Presentations

- "Vaping Deaths: What Manufacturers and Retailers Need to Know about Current Laws and Regulations," September 2019
- "7th Circuit Affirms CPSA Penalties Against Spectrum Brands, Inc.," May 2019
- "Acting Chairman Ann Marie Buerkle Nominated as Permanent Chairman of CPSC," July 2017
- Contributing Author, Minnesota Chapter of ALFA Construction Law Compendium (2016-18)

Professional Associations

- ICPHSO (International Consumer Product Health & Safety Organization)
- DRI (Defense Research Institute)
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association