

Attorney: Paul McEllistrem



Mission: To serve as the strongest advocate possible for injured clients by utilizing a specialized knowledge of the law, strong work ethic, and customer service mentality.

Education

University of Minnesota (B.A. 1989)
 William Mitchell College of Law (J.D. *cum laude* 1994)
 National Institute of Trial Advocacy – National Session, Boulder, CO
 (1994)

Professional Accomplishments

- Certified by the Minnesota State Bar Association as a Civil Trial Specialist
- Successfully litigated personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits in multiple jurisdictions across the United States including Minnesota, Wisconsin, Florida, South Dakota Federal District Court, and New Mexico Federal District Court
- Successfully argued cases to the Minnesota Court of Appeals and Supreme Court on behalf of injured clients
- Successfully tried numerous jury trials and binding arbitrations on behalf of injured clients against individuals, insurance companies, businesses, and taverns
- Appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court to the No-Fault Arbitration Standing Committee in 2006 to oversee Minnesota's No-Fault Arbitration System-serving two 4 year terms
- Law Professor – Mitchell Hamline School of Law- Teaching "No-Fault Insurance Law" from 1998 to present

ATTORNEYS

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- Served as mediator and neutral arbitrator in numerous civil litigation matters involving personal injury, wrongful death and sexual abuse cases.
- Served on the Board of Governors for the Minnesota Association for Justice (MAJ) from 2000-2002
- Served as Chair of the Board of Hennepin County Volunteer Lawyers Network, Ltd., from 2000-2001; served on the Board of Directors from 1996-2002; and tried civil cases for indigent clients from 1996 - 2003
- Invited by Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association as presenter on topics including Motor Vehicle Insurance Coverage, Orthopedic Injury Cases, and Subrogation Issues

Professional Affiliations

National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
 Minnesota Association for Justice
 American Association for Justice
 Hennepin County Bar Association
 Minnesota State Bar Association
 Wisconsin State Bar Association
 American Bar Association

Awards

Recognized as: Minnesota Super Lawyer 18 times (2001 – 2019); Minnesota Top 40 Personal Injury Lawyer 17 times (2004 – 2019); and Minnesota Top 100 Super Lawyer 13 times (2007 - 2019)

Recipient - Award for Professional Excellence in 2009 for legal work on behalf of victims of the 35W bridge collapse

Bar Admission

Minnesota State Bar, 1994
 United States District Court, District of Minnesota, 1997
 Wisconsin State Bar, 2005

Publications

- Minnesota Motor Vehicle Accident Deskbook – 5th Edition, Editor (2014-2019)
- Minnesota Motor Vehicle Accident Deskbook – 4th Edition, Editor (2009-2013)
- Minnesota Motor Vehicle Accident Deskbook – 3rd Edition, Editor (2006-2008)
- No-Fault Benefits: An Overview, *Minnesota Motor Vehicle Accident Deskbook* (2003 - 2015)
- “Closeness To The Risk” in Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Coverages in Minnesota, *William Mitchell Law Review*, vol.24, no. 4 (1998)
- 101 Practical Tips - Handling Auto Claims, Minnesota Institute for Legal Education (1998)
- Fee Agreements in Minnesota, *Personal Injury*, 1st Ed., Minnesota CLE (1997)
- Premises Liability Law Overview (October, 1994)