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Currently, my practice consists of a blend of handling motor vehicle litigation, including third party liability, UM/UIM and rental law, general liability claims, ADR, products liability, professional liability, dram shop and commercial litigation. I was certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the MSBA in 1999 and re-certified in 2004 and 2011 and am a member of ABOTA. I have extensive jury trial experience and have served as an arbitrator and mediator in commercial, contract, personal injury and No-Fault cases over the past 21 years. I am a strong believer in ADR and work very hard to make the process worthwhile for the parties and counsel. I am on the State of Minnesota's Roster of ADR Neutral Mediators and a member of the National Association of Distinguished Neutrals. I have been named a *Super Lawyer*® every year since 2005 (named top 100 from 2008 through 2016) and have served on the Blue Ribbon Selection Panel. I was also included in the 2008-2010 Corporate Counsel edition of *Super Lawyers*® for expertise in Civil Litigation. I served five three-year terms on the Arthur Chapman Management Board of Directors.

Education

William Mitchell College of Law, J.D., 1988
St. John's University, B.S., 1985

Professional Associations and Memberships

American Board of Trial Advocates
Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
Minnesota State Bar Association
National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
Wisconsin State Bar Association

Practice Areas

Alternative Dispute
Resolution as
Arbitrator and Mediator
Automobile Law
Commercial
Transportation
Commercial Litigation
Construction Law
Dram Shop
General Liability
Professional Liability
Rental Vehicle Law
Toxic Torts (Asbestos)

Certifications

MSBA Board Certified
Civil Trial Specialist
Qualified ADR Neutral
on State of Minnesota
Roster
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Licenses

Minnesota
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Legal Team

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Teaching / Lecturing Experience

“Releases and Settlement Techniques” Minnesota CLE: Uninsured, Underinsured, No Fault Insurance and Bodily Injury Update, February 2017

“Mediation and Creative ADR Solutions” at Minnesota CLE: Uninsured, Underinsured, No-Fault Insurance and Bodily Injury Update, January 2016

“Staab I & II and Reallocation” at Minnesota CLE: Uninsured, Underinsured, No-Fault Insurance and Bodily Injury Update, February 2015

“Collateral Source Issues” at Minnesota CLE: Uninsured, Underinsured, No-Fault and Bodily Injury Update, February 2014

“Settlement Documents and Releases” at Minnesota CLE: Uninsured, Underinsured, No-Fault and Bodily Injury Update, February 2013

Panel Moderator, “Mediations from All Perspectives,” Minnesota CLE, May 2012

Panel Member, “Reinstating Civility in Lawsuits,” Minnesota Association for Justice, 2012 Mid-Winter Meeting

ADR Institute CLE, Faculty Panel Member, October 2011

“Preparing for Mediations and Reaching Resolution in Motor Vehicle Cases” Minnesota State Bar Association CLE, May 2011

“Wrongful Death Claims - Another Perspective” Minnesota Association for Justice, January 2011

“Effectively Using Pleadings and Forms in a P.I. Case” Minnesota State Bar Association CLE, October 2010 and May 2011

“Mediator’s View of Mediations” at Minnesota CLE: Minnesota Motor Vehicle Deskbook Seminar, May 2008 and May 2009

“Collateral Sources” at Minnesota CLE: Underinsured, Uninsured and No Fault Insurance Update, January 2007 and February 2008

“Settlement Devices and Releases” at Minnesota CLE: Underinsured, Uninsured and No Fault Insurance Update, January 2006

“Evidentiary Issues That Arise in the Context of Auto Claims” at Minnesota CLE: Underinsured, Uninsured and No Fault Insurance Update, 2004

Contributing author and speaker at Minnesota Motor Vehicle Accident Deskbook Seminar. Topics included Settlement Agreement and Rental Car Law, May 2003

Panel member and speaker on “Dealing with Issues of Fraud as an Arbitrator, Fact Finder or Judge,” Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, 2002

Delivered presentation to Hennepin County Judges on the topic of “Settlement Devices”, May 2002

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