

Amy K. Amundson

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Amy K. Amundson likes litigation. More precisely, “I like conflict, I like controversy and I like the courtroom,” she says.

It stands to reason, then, that the animated attorney has been an associate in Rider Bennett’s litigation department since joining the firm in 2002.

Amundson focuses her practice in commercial law and insurance defense. And in case you missed it, she’s a little competitive.

“I think part of being a lawyer is competing,” she says. “You have to think of new ways to apply the law and come up with new solutions.”

Along with serving as co-chair of the New Defense Lawyers Committee within the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, Amundson is active in the Young Lawyers Committee of DRI.

She also remains involved in her home state of South Dakota, occupying a seat on the state bar association’s law school committee. Amundson also organizes a “Meet the Employer” event at the University of South Dakota School of Law and speaks on career services topics.

Locally, Amundson helps law students through the mentoring externship at the University of St. Thomas School of Law. She regularly speaks at events at Macalester College that encourage women to become involved in math and science.

She also volunteers with the Minneapolis-based nonprofit Chrysalis, representing women who are unable to afford legal counsel in domestic violence situations.

Amundson is the daughter of now-retired South Dakota Supreme Court Justice Robert

A. Amundson. “I had the best mentor you could ask for,” she says, recalling how she sometimes studied her father’s court opinions in law school.

But she wasn’t groomed for law school, Amundson says. As a science major at Macalester, her honors thesis explored the “Fluctuating Asymmetry and Sexual Selection in Monarch Butterflies.”

As intriguing as that sounds, Amundson says she wanted a job that changes every day and never gets boring. That’s when her father suggested law school.

Amundson played basketball for the Macalester Scots, where she was named a four-time All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection and twice received Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Academic All-Conference honors.

After college, looking to fill that sporting void in her life, Amundson started running marathons. She later took up triathlons, finishing five last year with plans to compete in a half Ironman this year.

“I like to push myself,” she says. “I like to test my own limits.”

Amundson doesn’t seem to have any limits. Unfortunately, her law firm does. Rider Bennett recently announced plans to close its doors at the end of May.

“I’m very sad, very sad,” she says about the firm. “I enjoy the people I work with. They’ve treated me fairly, helped me develop, given me the tools to help me develop and they care about me as a person.”

— Michael Krieger



AMY K. AMUNDSON

Born: Feb. 17, 1976; Deadwood, S.D.

Education: University of South Dakota School of Law, J.D., 2002; Macalester College, B.A., 1998

Employment: Rider Bennett, associate, 2002-present

Professional Associations: DRI, Hennepin County Bar Association, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, Minnesota State Bar Association, State Bar of South Dakota

Community Activities: Chrysalis, Macalester College career services speaker, State Bar of South Dakota Law School Committee, University of St. Thomas School of Law Mentor Externship Program

Hobbies/Interests: Basketball, competing in triathlons, golf, running, skiing

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MINNESOTA LAWYER

Alumni

2001

Kerry L. Bundy
Marcia Ford
Darrell E. Graham
Thomas K. Hagen
Benjamin I. Omorogbe
Steven D. Pattee
Kristin Jones Pierre
Richard A. Ruohonen
Jorge E. Saavedra
Tami L. Schroeder

2002

Thomas R. Bennerotte
Uyen Campbell
Philip A. Duran
Kevin P. Goodno
Jason C. Kohlmeyer
Iain A. McIntyre
Sonia Miller-Van Oort
Mee Moua
Jonathan A. Strauss
Min “Amy” S. Xu

2003

Eric W. Beyer
Kevin P. Curry
Julie A. Fishel
Sara A. Galligan
Gregory N. McEwen
Caroline S. Palmer
Fernando E. Rojas
Amy C. Seidel
Jeffrey D. Stowman
Robert P. Webber

2004

J. Scott Andresen
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Jeffery L. Cameron
Rebecca Rhoda Fisher
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Kimberly K. Haas
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Anne M. Lockner
Kevin M. Magnuson
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2005

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Roshan N. Rajkumar
Craig D. Sandok
Holly A. Wallace

2006

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Marta M. Chou
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