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Areas of Practice

Appeals
Employment Litigation
Insurance Litigation
Product Liability
Professional Liability

Bar Admissions

8th Circuit Court of Appeals MN
10th Circuit Court of Appeals MN
U.S. District Court, Minnesota
U.S. District Court, North Dakota
10th Circuit Court of Appeals
U.S. District Court, W.D. of Wisconsin

Education

University of Minnesota, B.A., 1986
University of Minnesota, J.D., 1989
(Magna Cum Laude)

Bill Davidson is a shareholder with Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson, P.A. Bill handles a variety of civil matters. He is an honors graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School admitted to practice before all state and federal courts in Minnesota. He handles professional liability matters, commercial and product liability litigation, employment law disputes, and insurance coverage and insurance defense litigation. In addition to his trial practice, Bill oversees the majority of the firm's appellate matters and works with other firms on appeals. He has argued over one hundred appeals before Minnesota's appellate courts and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure. He serves on the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association's amicus curiae committee and served on the governing council of the Minnesota State Bar Association's Appellate Practices Section for several years. Minnesota Law and Politics and Super Lawyers magazines have recognized Bill as an appellate Super Lawyer® each year since 2000, and regularly include him in their list of top Minnesota appellate attorneys.

Honors & Awards

Phi Beta Kappa Order of the
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Professional Associations & Memberships

American Bar Association
Minnesota State Bar Association
Ramsey County Bar Association
Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
DRI
Business Counsel, Inc.

Pro Bono Activities

Minnesota Appellate Public Defender appeals

Notable Cases

Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation

- Pfeil v. v. St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of Worthington, 877 N.W.2d 528 (Minn. 2016) (First Amendment and Defamation)
- Vargo-Schaper v. Weyerhaeuser Co., 619 F.3d 845 (8th Cir. 2010) (wrongful death)
- Cahalan v. Rohan, 423 F.3d 815 (8th Cir. 2005) (New Jersey/Minnesota workers' compensation law)
- Harrison v. Harrison, 733 N.W.2d 451 (Minn. 2007) (seatbelt non-use evidentiary rule)
- Albert v. Paper Calmenson & Co., 524 N.W.2d 460 (Minn. 1994) (workers' compensation subrogation)
- Gilmore v. Walgreen Co., 759 N.W.2d 433 (Minn. Ct. App. 2009) (premises liability)
- Marshall v. The Inn on Madeline Island, 631 N.W.2d 113 (Minn. Ct. App. Jul. 17, 2001) (federal/Wisconsin law claim preclusion)

Professional Liability

- Howard v. Svoboda, M.D., 877 N.W.2d 562 (Minn. App. 2016), vacated, 890 N.W.2d 111 (Minn. 2017) (medical malpractice claim and scope of Minnesota's informal conference statute, Minn. Stat. § 595.02, subd.5)
- Sample v. City of Woodbury, 836 F.3d 913 (8th Cir. 2016) (absolute prosecutorial immunity issues relating to Section 1983 and state law claims against city attorneys)
- Guzick v. Kimball, 869 N.W.2d 42 (Minn. 2015) (amicus counsel for Professional Liability Defense Federation regarding Minnesota's expert review affidavit statute and causation issues in a legal malpractice case)
- Shea v. Esensten, 208 F.3d 712 (8th Cir. 2000) (medical malpractice/ERISA preemption)
- In re Andrade, 736 N.W.2d 603 (Minn. 2007) (attorney discipline)
- Antone v. Mirviss, 720 N.W.2d 331 (Minn. 2006) (statute of limitations for legal malpractice claims)
- Noske v. Friedberg, 670 N.W.2d 740 (Minn. 2003) (LPL claim against criminal defense attorney)
- Minn. Board of Chiropractic Examiners v. Cich, 788 N.W.2d 515 (Minn. Ct. App. 2010) (chiropractic discipline)
- Yath v. Fairview Clinics, N.P., 767 N.W.2d 34 (Minn. Ct. App. 2009) (HIPAA privacy claims)
- Wagener v. McDonald, 509 N.W.2d 188 (Minn. Ct. App. 1993) (assignability of legal malpractice claim)

Insurance Coverage

- Westfield Ins. Co. v. Robinson Outdoors, Inc., 700 F.3d 1172 (8th Cir. 2012) (failure-to-conform exclusion)
- Progressive Northern Ins. Co. v. McDonough, 608 F.3d 388 (8th Cir. 2010) (intentional act exclusion)
- West Bend Mut. Ins. Co. v. Allstate Ins. Co., 776 N.W.2d 693 (Minn. 2009) (excess UIM coverage)
- Wooddale Builders, Inc. v. Maryland Cas. Co., 722 N.W.2d 283 (Minn. 2006) (pro-rata allocation)
- In re Silicone Implant Ins. Coverage Litigation, 667 N.W.2d 405 (Minn. 2003) (trigger and allocation)
- State v. Joseph, 636 N.W.2d 322 (Minn. 2001) (garnishment of insurance policy)
- Leamington Co. v. Nonprofits' Ins. Ass'n, 615 N.W.2d 349 (Minn. 2000) (proof of loss requirements)
- Johnson v. Mutual Services Cas. Ins. Co., 732 N.W.2d 340 (Minn. Ct. App. 2007) (standard statutory fire policy)
- Wakefield Pork, Inc. v. RAM Mutual Ins. Co., 731 N.W.2d 154 (Minn. Ct. App. 2007) (pollution exclusion)
- Metropolitan Prop. & Cas. Ins. Co. v. Jablonske, 722 N.W.2d 312 (Minn. Ct. App. 2006) (confessed judgment against insurer)
- Reinsurance Ass'n of Minn. v. Timmer, 641 N.W.2d 302 (Minn. Ct. App. 2002) (coverage for negligent misrepresentation)
- CPT Corp. v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co., 515 N.W.2d 747 (Minn. Ct. App. 1994) (employee benefits and fiduciary insurance)

Amicus Curiae Representation

- LaPoint v. Family Orthodontics, P.A.,—N.W.2d—(Minn. 2017) (amicus counsel for Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association regarding pregnancy discrimination claim)
- Guzick v. Kimball, 869 N.W.2d 42 (Minn. 2015) (amicus counsel for Professional Liability Defense Federation regarding Minnesota's expert review affidavit statute and causation issues in a legal malpractice case)
- Sysdyne Corp. v. Rousslang, 860 N.W.2d 374 (Minn. 2015) (amicus counsel for TechServe Alliance regarding non-compete agreement)
- Graphic Communications Local 1B Health & Welfare Fund v. CVS Caremark Corp., 850 N.W.2d 682 (Minn. 2014) (amicus counsel for Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association regarding Consumer Fraud Act claim)
- Jerry's Enterprises, Inc. v. Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren, Ltd., 711 N.W.2d 811 (Minn. 2006) (amicus counsel for Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association regarding a transactional legal malpractice claim)
- Rosenberg v. Heritage Renovations, LLC, 685 N.W.2d 320 (Minn. 2004) (amicus counsel for Minnesota Association of Realtors® regarding commission claims)
- Dohney v. Allstate Ins. Co., 632 N.W.2d 598 (Minn. 2001) (amicus counsel for Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association regarding "best settlement" rule for UIM claims)
- Ly v. Nystrom, 615 N.W.2d 302 (Minn. 2000) (amicus counsel for Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association regarding Consumer Fraud Act)
- Losen v. Allina Health System, 767 N.W.2d 703 (Minn. Ct. App. 2009) (amicus counsel for Minnesota Medical Association and Fairview Health Services regarding commitment immunity)