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CIVIL LITIGATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Six years of experience maintaining a caseload of over 100 civil and workers' compensation files
- Tried three jury trials in Hennepin County for damages resulting from motor vehicle crashes
- Successfully tried fraud, negligent misrepresentation, and breach of contract case to jury
- Successfully tried boundary dispute case in court trial
- Successfully tried property ownership dispute case in court trial
- Appealed divorce case to Minnesota Court of Appeals; Court of Appeals reversed and remanded

EXPERIENCE

Associate Attorney, Thibodeau, Johnson & Feriancek, PLLP, Duluth, MN, March 2013 – July 2016

- Handled all aspects of workers' compensation defense for Wal-Mart in the State of Minnesota including evaluating defenses from initial case reports, conducting discovery, trials, and appeals
- Counseled Wal-Mart upon notice of possible employment law violations
- Successfully defeated claims for primary liability, permanent disability, and chronic pain medication
- Worked with engineer expert in golf car liability case and prepared Motion for Summary Judgment
- Prepared Motion in Limine in contentious probate case; case settled soon after service

Associate Attorney, Fields Law Firm, Minneapolis, MN, Feb. 2008 – March 2013

- Successfully handled all aspects of plaintiffs' bodily injury practice including deposing doctors, plaintiffs and defendants, preparing pleadings, discovery, jury instructions, special verdict forms, preparing memoranda for motions, handling No-Fault arbitrations, and negotiating settlements
- Started workers' compensation practice from scratch to over 200 cases and managed all aspects of practice including investigating claims, analyzing liability and benefit issues, defending depositions, negotiating settlements with employers and intervenors, and trying nine cases
- Counseled clients regarding employment claims for termination in violation of Minn. Stat. § 176.82

Associate Attorney, Hanft Fride, P.A., Duluth, MN, Jan. 2005 – Feb. 2008

- Successfully second-chaired the defense of six jury trials in actions for negligence, breach of contract, invasion of privacy, minimum wage law, and Whistleblower Act violations
- Defended depositions, delivered oral arguments at motion hearings, and prepared written work including discovery requests and responses, dispositive, pre-trial and post-trial motions, mediation statements, witness and exhibit lists, trial briefs, special verdict forms, and jury instructions
- Analyzed issues and prepared memoranda regarding real estate, zoning law, construction defects, housing discrimination, family law, Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, municipality and township law, workers' compensation, probate, tax, and landlord/tenant disputes

EDUCATION

California Western School of Law, ABA/AALS, San Diego, CA

Juris Doctor, 2005; Top 25%, based on class standing of 69/310; Dean's Honor List, First Year

University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, MN

Bachelor of Business Administration, Management, 2002

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & VOLUNTEER WORK

- Licensed, Minnesota Supreme Court, District of Minnesota and Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Board Member, 11th District Bar Association; Member, Minnesota State Bar Association
- Recipient of 2014 Clarence Earl Gideon Volunteer Public Defender Award