



## **Steven M. Sitek**

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### **Practice Groups**

Commercial Litigation, General Liability, Trust and Estates Litigation

### **Industry Groups**

Construction

### **Overview**

Mr. Sitek focuses his practice in commercial litigation, trust and estates litigation, and general liability disputes, bringing more than 16 years of litigation and trial experience to his clients.

With extensive state, federal, and other court experience, Mr. Sitek regularly represents business and individuals in commercial and estate disputes, including general business litigation and disputes, construction and real estate matters, trust disputes, and will contests. He also represents businesses, including product manufacturers and suppliers, in product liability and personal injury cases.

Mr. Sitek serves as vice president on the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association Board of Directors and is the

Board of Directors liaison for the Products Liability Section.

## **Education & Admissions**

### **Education**

- Hamline University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1999
- University of St. Thomas, B.A., 1996

### **Bar Admissions**

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- Minnesota
- Washington
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Wisconsin

## **Experience**

### **Representative Cases**

Obtained appellate victory on behalf of clients seeking indemnification and advancement of attorney fees from LLC; *CorVascular Diagnostics, LLC v. CorVascular MI, LLC, et. al.*, 2017 Minn. App. Unpub. LEXIS 734 (Minn. App. Aug. 28, 2017).

Successfully defended hotel architect accused of providing negligent design services; *Dakota Hotel Ventures, LLC v. David Baumann-Architect, Ltd.*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 26497 (D.S.D. 2016).

Obtained favorable result for engineering firm accused of providing negligent design services related to a wastewater system; *Arnegard Holdings, LLC v. Tri-State Consulting Eng'rs, Inc.*, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 3656 (D.N.D. Jan. 13, 2014).

Obtained defense verdict for tankless water heater manufacturer accused of defective design in product liability lawsuit; *State Farm Fire & Casualty Co. v. Bosch Thermotechnology Corp.*, No. 11CV1160 (Dane Cnty. Cir. Ct. Wis. 2012).

Obtained victory at trial for an airplane engine manufacturer in dispute regarding defective engine component parts; *Kurt Mfg. Co. Inc. & Lycoming Engines v. Ross Casting & Innovation, LLC.*, No. 27CV-06-29067 (Hennepin Cnty. Minn. 2008).

Successfully defended an individual alleged to be responsible for indemnifying a business claimed to be responsible for carbon monoxide poisoning of several family members aboard a houseboat; *Yang v. Voyagaire Houseboats, Inc.*, 701 N.W.2d 783 (Minn. 2005).

## **Professional & Civic**

## Bar Associations

- Minnesota State Bar Association
  - Probate and Trust Law Section
  - Litigation Committee Section
  - Civil Litigation Section
- South Dakota State Bar Association
- State Bar Association of North Dakota
- State Bar of Wisconsin
- Washington State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association

## Professional Associations

- Defense Research Institute
- International Association of Defense Counsel
  - Business Litigation Committee Vice Chair of Communications, 2014-present
- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
  - Vice President, 2017-present
  - Treasurer, 2016-2017
  - Secretary, 2015-2016
  - Board of Directors, 2010-present
  - Product Liability Section, Board Liaison, 2012-present
  - Construction Law Section Chair, 2006-2009

## Civic Involvement

- Prodeo Academy, tutor
- St. Paul Capitals, Hockey Coach
- Highland Little League, Baseball Coach

## Accolades

## Honors & Awards

- Minnesota Super Lawyers list, *Super Lawyers*, 2013-present
- Minnesota Rising Stars list, *Super Lawyers*, 2006-2012
- [Up and Coming Attorney](#), *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2010