

## JESSICA L. KLANDER Bassford Remele

our years out of law school, attorney Jessica Klander is making her mark at Bassford Remele, where she is the "unofficial chair" of its associates due to her leadership and mentoring of the law firm's newer associates.

Since graduating summa cum laude with her law degree from William Mitchell College of Law, Klander has built a reputation for being a fiercely industrious, intelligent and collegial attorney.

"She has demonstrated a lot of maturity and legal acumen — way beyond what one would normally expect given the short time she has been practicing," says Lewis Remele Jr., a shareholder and former Bassford Remele CEO.

In her law practice, Klander focuses on defending businesses and individuals against professional liability and malpractice claims and advising businesses on compliance with federal credit and collection laws.

"I became a litigator because the work was exciting, fastpaced, and challenging," Klander said. "I still love those aspects

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of my job. But my favorite thing about practicing law is the people I work with — my colleagues and the clients I defend. It is truly a fulfilling career."

Outside of regular practice, Klander is active in the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association (MDLA) where she served as co-chair of the group's New Lawyers Committee from 2012 to 2014.

Klander also is active in, among other things, the Association of Credit and Collection Professionals, the Minnesota Creditors' Rights Association, Aeon's young professionals group, the Volunteer Lawyers Network, the Tubman Family Alliance and the William Mitchell College of Law Mentorship program.

"Jessica is a talented young lawyer with all of the qualities that will bring her future success: perseverance, academic prowess, mental acuity, balance and a sense of humor," says Bassford Remele shareholder Edward Fox.

-Scott Carlson