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OVERVIEW

Mr. Mulder is a litigator whose practice focuses in commercial, insurance coverage and legal malpractice matters, with significant high stakes claims and class action experience.

Mr. Mulder represents corporations and professionals before trial and appellate courts, licensing boards, and arbitration and mediation venues. He recently defended insurers in multiple actions seeking tens of millions of dollars in insurance claims and helped a technology company obtain an \$800 million arbitration award. Mr. Mulder also has successfully defended real estate brokerages in antitrust cases and has represented lawyers on numerous issues, including malpractice claims, ethics complaints and sanctions motions.

As Co-Chair of the firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Mr. Mulder helps develop and drive initiatives across the firm while keeping it connected to affinity, community and bar groups. He is also deeply involved in his community through the Pro Se Project and as a volunteer at Prodeo Academy.

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2008

- Journal of International Law, Articles Editor and staff member, 2006-2008

Hamline University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2005

- Joe Hutton Memorial Scholarship, recipient

- Men's Golf Team, Captain; Men's Basketball Team

Bar Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- Minnesota

EXPERIENCE

Representative Cases

Over the course of his career, Mr. Mulder has litigated numerous high stakes cases in federal and state courts as well as arbitration proceedings.

- Obtained defense jury verdict for law firm in legal malpractice action; *Schmidt v. Nosek*, No. 27-cv-12-2105 (Minn. Dist. Ct. Oct. 16, 2015).
- Obtained summary judgment dismissing legal malpractice claims for law firm, affirmed on appeal; *McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb, Chartered v. Roberts*, No. A14-0131, 2014 WL 3892593 (Minn. Ct. App. Aug. 11, 2014).
- Successfully defended real estate brokerage in antitrust matter; *Regional Multiple Listing Serv. of Minn. v. Am. Home Realty Network*, No. 12-CV-0965 JRT/FLN (D. Minn. 2014).

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- Part of trial and appellate team that obtained \$630 million arbitration award for computer-device client in trade secret/unfair competition case and reversal of district court ruling limiting the amount of post-award interest. \$806 million ultimately recovered for client; *Seagate Technology, LLC v. Western Digital Corp.*, 854 N.W.2d 750 (Minn. 2014); *Seagate Tech., LLC v. Western Digital Corp.*, 2016 Minn. App. LEXIS 96, *1 (Minn. Ct. App. Jan. 25, 2016).
- Obtained dismissal of antitrust claims asserted against real-estate brokerage; *TheMLSOnline.com, Inc. v. Regional Multiple Listing Serv. of Minn., Inc.*, 840 F. Supp. 2d 1174 (D. Minn. 2012).

Additional Representative Cases

- *Ramirez-Cruz v. Chipotle Services, LLC*, No. 15-CV-04514 (D. Minn. May 11, 2017) (successfully defended against motion seeking sanctions against counsel).
- *Food Mkt. Merch., Inc. v. W. Bend Mut. Ins. Co.*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 40770 (D. Minn. Mar. 28, 2016) (obtained summary judgment in action seeking insurance coverage for defense and indemnification of underlying copyright infringement action).
- *Janine M. Hirt Trust v. NFCHE, P.A.*, No. A-14-1600, 2015 WL 1608984 (Minn. Ct. App. Apr. 13, 2015) (obtained dismissal of legal malpractice claims and affirmance on appeal).
- *Lange v. Litman*, No. A13-1777, 2014 WL 2921906 (Minn. Ct. App. June 30, 2014) (obtained dismissal of legal malpractice claims, successfully defended against motion to re-open action, and obtained affirmance on appeal).
- *Smith v. Britton*, No. A13-1039, 2014 WL 349742 (Minn. Ct. App. Feb. 3, 2014) (obtained judgment on pleadings and affirmance on appeal in action against company specializing in drug testing).
- *Lyzhoft v. Waconia Farm Supply*, Nos. A12-2234 & A12-2238, 2013 WL 3368832 (Minn. Ct. App. July 8, 2013) (obtained reversal of summary judgment order in products liability action arising out of propane explosion).
- *Ritchie Capital Mgmt., LLC v. Coleman*, No. 12-270 (ADM/JJG), 2012 WL 1901300 (D. Minn. May 25, 2012) (obtained dismissal in professional liability case against attorney).
- *Yang v. Hanson*, No. A11-999, 2012 WL 254499 (Minn. Ct. App. Jan. 30, 2012) (obtained dismissal in professional liability action against attorney).
- *Allen v. Burnet Realty, LLC*, 801 N.W.2d 153 (Minn. 2011) (successfully supported real-estate brokerage in purported class action involving independent-contractor agents) (represented amicus curiae Edina Realty, Inc.).
- *Cenveo Corp. v. S. Graphic Sys., Inc.*, 784 F. Supp. 2d 1130 (D. Minn. 2011) (obtained partial summary judgment on unfair competition claims).
- *UnitedHealth Grp. Inc. v. Columbia Cas. Co.*, 836 F. Supp. 2d 912 (D. Minn. 2011).
- *API, Inc. Asbestos Settlement Trust v. Atl. Mut. Ins. Co.*, No. 09-665 (JRT/TNL), 2011 WL 5244669 (D. Minn. Nov. 2, 2011) (obtained stay and ultimately a dismissal of claims for insurance coverage for underlying claims involving exposure to asbestos).

Publications

- *Notes & Trends - Torts and Insurance*, monthly column author, Bench and Bar, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2011-present
- *Bad Faith and Wrongful Refusal to Settle: Liability in Excess of Policy Limits*, co-author with K.J. Nelson, Chapter 4 Update, Minnesota Insurance Law Deskbook, Minnesota State Bar Association, 4th Ed., 2015 and 5th Ed., 2017

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- *Contractual Indemnity and Additional Insured Endorsements in the Construction Context - Application of Existing Precedent or a Dramatic Departure?*, author, Minnesota Defense, Vol. 34, Issue 3, Fall 2013
- *Special Verdict Forms and Jury Instructions*, co-author, Chapter 19 Update, Minnesota Motor Vehicle Accident Deskbook, Minnesota State Bar Association, 4th ed., 2009-2013

Seminars

- *CGL Policy Occurrences, Exclusions and Exceptions - Complex Issues*, co-presenter, National Business Institute Webinar, April 6, 2017
- *Clarity in Award Writing*, co-presenter, American Arbitration Association webinar, August 23, 2016
- *Construction Law Essentials for the Real Estate Professional*, co-presenter, Minnesota CLE August Real Estate Series, August 17, 2016
- *The Effective Use of Experts for the Discovery Process*, presenter, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association Mid-Winter Conference, January 31, 2014

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

Bar Associations

- Minnesota State Bar Association
 - Appellate Practice
 - Civil Litigation
 - Corporate Counsel Section
- Hennepin County Bar Association

Professional Associations

- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
 - Editorial Committee
 - Insurance Law Committee

Civic Involvement

- Twin Cities Diversity in Practice, firm member representative
- Volunteer Lawyers Network, Conciliation Court Clinic and Pro Se Project
- Prodeo Academy, tutor

ACCOLADES

Honors & Awards

- Up and Coming Attorney, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2012
- Minnesota Rising Stars list, *Super Lawyers*, 2013-present