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### PRACTICE GROUPS

Construction  
General Liability  
Product Liability

### INDUSTRY GROUPS

Construction  
Insurance

### OVERVIEW

Mr. Willems focuses his practice in the areas of construction, real estate, product liability, fire/explosion, general liability, and tort litigation. In addition, Mr. Willems represents clients in medical malpractice matters.

Mr. Willems is an experienced litigator who has significant experience representing both individuals and companies during the course of litigation, and at mediation, arbitration, trial, and on appeal. He recently obtained a substantial jury verdict in favor of his client in an insurance subrogation action and got a discrimination lawsuit dismissed against his client on summary judgment in federal court.

Mr. Willems was recently named a 2019 Up & Coming Attorney by *Minnesota Lawyer*.

### EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

#### Education

University of St. Thomas School of Law, J.D., 2013

- Dean's Scholarship Recipient
- First Place, Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association Moot Court Tournament
- Board of Advocates, member

University of Minnesota, B.A., 2010

- Dean's List Recipient

#### Bar Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- Minnesota

#### Certifications

- Qualified Neutral Under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice
- National Center for Dispute Resolution, Arbitration Panel Member

### EXPERIENCE

#### Cases

- Obtained a substantial jury verdict in favor of a non-profit organization in a premises liability matter, involving subrogation from the contractor whom it charged with ensuring the premises were safe for all festival entrants.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of a local business, who was sued for racial discrimination in federal court.
- Obtained confirmation of a million dollar jury verdict during post-trial motions and on appeal as part of trial and appellate teams.

#### Publications

- *TECH-SAVVY and HUMAN-CENTRIC – St. Thomas Lawyers embrace artificial intelligence's growing role within the law*, author, St. Thomas Lawyer, Fall 2019
- *Trends in E-Scooter Litigation*, author, Minnesota Bench & Bar Magazine, September 2019
- *An Overview: The Impact of Rideshare Insurance on the Role of Liability Insurance in Motor Vehicle Accident Cases*, author, Mitchell Hamline School of Law Journal of Public Policy and Practice, April 2019
- *Liability in Self Driving Cars*, author, Hennepin Lawyer, January/February 2019

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- *Protecting the Owner and the Project*, author, Insurance and Bonding Issues in Construction, June 2016
- *Litigating Sports Concussions: What You Need to Know About the Science and the Law*, author, Bench & Bar Magazine, August/September 2017
- *How to Level the Playing Field When the Insurers Fail to Pay*, author, Attorney at Law Magazine, August 2015

**Seminars**

- *Worksite Accident Litigation in the Tech Age*, presenter, Minnesota State Bar Association, May 11, 2020
- *Pleadings and Insurance Coverage: What Every Litigator Needs to Know*, presenter, Minnesota State Bar Association, February 2019
- *Legal Roles in Construction Law*, panelist, Minnesota State Bar Association, January 2019
- *Bonding and Insurance Issues in Construction*, presenter, Half Moon Publications Continuing Legal Education, 2016

**PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC**

**Professional Achievements**

- Douglas K. Amdahl Inn of Court

**Bar Associations**

- Minnesota State Bar Association
  - Council, 2020-present
  - New Lawyers Section, Chair, 2020-present
- Hennepin County Bar Association

**Professional Associations**

- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
  - Products Liability Committee, Co-Chair, 2020-present

**Civic Involvement**

- University of St. Thomas School of Law
  - Mentor Program, Mentor, 2015-2018; 2020-present
  - Alumni Board, 2018-2020

**ACCOLADES**

**Honors & Awards**

- Up and Coming Attorney, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2019
- Selected to the Minnesota Rising Stars list, *Super Lawyers*, 2020-present
- North Star Attorney, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2015-2018