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PRACTICE GROUPS
Appellate Practice
Commercial Litigation
Products Liability

INDUSTRY GROUPS
Transportation
Utilities

OVERVIEW

Ms. Boomsma focuses her practice in the area of complex commercial litigation, bringing more than 10 years of experience in appeals, dispositive motion practice, expert collaboration, and jury trials to her clients.

As an accomplished litigator, Ms. Boomsma represents businesses and individuals in a variety of commercial disputes, including general business and litigation matters. She represents businesses in personal injury, property damage, and product liability defense, including matters involving railroads, utilities, and other regulated industries. Ms. Boomsma has litigated through trial and appeal multi-million dollar cases, including prosecuting a property damage case with an at-risk amount in excess of \$350 million. She was also part of a litigation team involved in the complex removal of more than 40 cases to federal court in actions arising from a \$500 million mass tort, ultimately securing favorable judgment through dispositive motion and affirmance of that dismissal on appeal to the First Circuit. Ms. Boomsma has also handled numerous appeals in state and federal courts. Prior to practicing law, Ms. Boomsma worked for a premier electronic medical records (EMR) provider and has in-depth technical knowledge and experience with EMR systems.

Ms. Boomsma graduated *summa cum laude* from William Mitchell College of Law. Before entering private practice, Ms. Boomsma clerked for the Honorable Kermit E. Bye of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and for the Honorable Alan C. Page, the Honorable Helen M. Meyer and the Honorable Christopher J. Dietzen of the Minnesota Supreme Court.

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

William Mitchell College of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2009
- *William Mitchell Law Review*, Executive Editor
University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.S., 2004

Bar Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, District of North Dakota
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- Minnesota

Judicial Clerkships

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, The Honorable Kermit H. Bye, Judicial Clerk, 2010-2011
- Minnesota Supreme Court, The Honorable Alan C. Page, The Honorable Helen M. Meyer and The Honorable Christopher J. Dietzen, Judicial Clerk, 2009-2010

EXPERIENCE

Representative Cases

- Obtained a reversal of summary judgment in \$350 million property damage dispute on appeal; successful resolution for client pre-trial.
- Obtained dismissal on the pleadings of all claims in matter involving complex removal of more than 40 wrongful death cases to federal court, transfers, consolidation, motions and appeals in actions arising from \$500 million mass tort. Obtained affirmance on appeal. *In Re: Lac-Mégantic Train Derailment Litigation*, 17-1108 (1st Cir. 2021).

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- Obtained summary judgment in \$10 million class action arising from alleged multi-decade water trespass.
- Obtained summary judgment on a \$4 million property damage claim arising from water trespass in a single-day rain event.
- Obtained summary judgment in \$35 million class action arising from water and property damage claims arising from multi-day extreme flooding event.
- Amicus representation in consumer rights matter regarding prescription drug pricing in retail pharmacies.
- Amicus representation in appeal involving conduct code for social networking.
- Litigated freight loss and damage claim against motor carrier for damage to food products due to failure to provide protective services.
- Litigated to verdict a \$13 million personal injury trial.
- Litigated to verdict a \$10 million fraudulent transfer adversary proceeding.

Seminars

- *Nuts & Bolts of Appeal*, presenter, Minnesota Appellate Practice Institute, Minneapolis, MN, March 2018

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

Bar Associations

- Association of the Bar of the United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association

Professional Associations

- Minnesota Women Lawyers
- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
- Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society
- Blue Flame Gas Association
- Propane Gas Defense Association

Civic Involvement

- William Mitchell College of Law, Adjunct Professor, Business of the Lawyer; Transactions and Settlements; Deals and Dispute Resolution; 2011-present

ACCOLADES

Honors & Awards

- Minnesota Rising Stars list, *Super Lawyers*, 2019-present