



## BASSFORD REMELE

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### PRACTICE GROUPS

Appellate  
Commercial Litigation  
Intellectual Property Litigation  
Products Liability

### INDUSTRY GROUPS

Agribusiness  
Technology

### OVERVIEW

Ms. Brekke focuses her practice in the areas of commercial litigation, appellate law, products liability, intellectual property litigation, and trust and estates litigation.

Prior to joining Bassford Remele, Ms. Brekke served as a law clerk on the Minnesota Supreme Court for Justice Natalie E. Hudson and Justice Margaret H. Chutich. Ms. Brekke graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Minnesota Law School. During law school, she gained experience litigating cases in federal court and immigration court through the law school's Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic.

Ms. Brekke serves as co-chair of Minnesota Women Lawyer's New Lawyers Affinity Group, RISE.

### EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

#### Education

University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2018

- "A" Average Dean's List 1L, 2L and 3L years
- Mondale Hall Engagement Award
- Stein Scholar
- Minnesota Justice Foundation Public Service Award
- Book Award for Civil Rights and Social Justice Capstone
- Legal Writing Honors
- Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic, Student Director
- *Minnesota Journal of Law & Inequality*, Lead Managing Editor
- Women's Law Student Association, Community Service Coordinator

University of Minnesota, B.A., *summa cum laude* and with distinction, 2014

#### Bar Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- Minnesota

#### Judicial Clerkships

Minnesota Supreme Court, Justice Natalie E. Hudson and Justice Margaret H. Chutich, 2018-2019

### EXPERIENCE

#### Publications

- *Is it Just Dessert? Female Recruits Don't Get Their Share of the Pie: The Marine Corps Fights Gender Integration of Basic Training, Violating Equal Protection Standards and Cultivating a Culture Where Female Marines are Left out of the Brotherhood*, author, 36 *Law & Inequality* 117, 2018
- "Elements of Privilege: Made in Confidence" in *Attorney-Client Privilege: What Every Attorney Needs to Know*, co-author, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, 2018

### PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

#### Bar Associations

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
  - New Lawyers Committee, 2020-present

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**Professional Associations**

- Defense Research Institutez
  - Eighth Circuit Certworthy, Co-Reporter, 2020-present
- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
- Minnesota Women Lawyers Association
  - RISE, New Lawyers Affinity Group, Co-Chair, 2018-present
- Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society

**Civic Involvement**

- National Immigrant Justice Center
- Volunteer Lawyers Network
- Minnesota 4-H
- Loft Literary Center