



Rick Linsk

Mr. Linsk is an experienced second-career lawyer devoted to rigorous attention to detail and zealous representation of his clients. He works primarily in the firm's health care, insurance, employment, and products liability litigation practices. He frequently represents medical practitioners in regulatory and litigation matters. He has particular experience with insurance bad-faith claims and employee benefit litigation brought under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).

Mr. Linsk is a member of the Minnesota Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on the Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch.

He is a cum laude graduate of William Mitchell College of Law, which he attended while working full-time as a newspaper journalist. Among other activities, he was an editor of the William Mitchell Law Review (vol. 34); was recognized for achievement in the study of media law by the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI); and was an extern to Judge David Minge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Immediately after law school, Mr. Linsk was a judicial law clerk at the Minnesota Supreme Court for the Honorable Paul H. Anderson, the Honorable G. Barry Anderson, and the Honorable Lorie S. Gildea, associate justices at the time.

Mr. Linsk previously was a journalist for more than two decades for newspapers in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Minnesota. He was an investigative reporter with the St. Paul Pioneer Press from 1999 to 2006 and contributed to coverage that helped the newspaper win a Pulitzer Prize. His work was recognized by numerous national and regional journalism awards.

Representative Cases

- *Allstate Indemn Co. v. Lah et al.*, No. 62-cv-15-2046 (Minn. Dist. Ct. Ramsey Cnty. Sept. 15, 2015) (prevailing in motion to dismiss no-fault automobile insurer's lawsuit alleging fraud and solicitation).
- *EMC Ins. Co. v. Bha et al.*, No. 62-cv-14-775 (Minn. Dist. Ct. Ramsey Cnty. June 23, 2014) (prevailing in motion to dismiss no-fault automobile insurers lawsuit alleging fraud and solicitation).

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Practices

ERISA Practice and Procedure

Health Care Law

Employment Law

Products Liability & Consumer Fraud Litigation

Education

William Mitchell College of Law, 2008, *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

2008, Minnesota

Court Admissions

Minnesota

U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

Professional Associations

- Federal Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Mr. Linsk is a vice president on the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul, and has chaired the federation's committee overseeing the allocation of \$2.5 million in charitable funds to nonprofit agencies.
- He is an active member of the Twin Cities Cardozo Society. He has been a pro bono volunteer attorney for the Cardozo Society's legal aid clinics, the Federal Bar Association Minnesota chapter pro se program, and the Children's Law Center of Minnesota.
- He is an adjunct professor of legal writing at Mitchell Hamline School of Law.
- He has been an alumni mentor for students at William Mitchell College of Law, Mitchell Hamline's predecessor institution.
- He is a volunteer investigator for the Fourth District Ethics Committee, which helps the Minnesota Supreme Court govern attorney conduct in the state.

Professional Recognition

- Named a Minnesota Rising Star for 2015, 2016, and 2017 by Super Lawyers®.
- Named an 'Up & Coming Attorney' by Minnesota Lawyer for 2015.

- *Life Share Collateral Holdings, LLC v. Albers*, No. 11-3605-JNE/JJK (D. Minn. July 2, 2013) (overcoming plaintiff's summary-judgment motion in lawsuit over insurance premium financing)
- *Blue v. Hartford Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, No. 10-cv-499-SLC (W.D. Wis. June 13, 2011), aff'd, 698 F.3d 587 (7th Cir. 2012) (summary judgment obtained on plaintiff's claim for long-term disability benefits)
- *Padavich v. The Hartford Life Ins. Co.*, No. 4:09-cv-00375-JEG (S.D. Iowa Mar. 9, 2011), aff'd, 436 Fed. Appx. 730 (8th Cir. Nov. 10, 2011) (summary judgment obtained in accidental-death-and-disability claim)
- *Shock vs. Hartford Life and Accident Ins. Co.*, No. 11-CV-2029-LRR (N.D. Iowa Nov. 7, 2012) (plan administrator's decision upheld in plaintiff's claim for long-term disability benefits under ERISA)
- *Feller v. Hartford Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 817 F. Supp. 2d 1097, 1108 (S.D. Iowa 2010) (denying plaintiff's motion for remand in accidental-death benefits case)
- *Windbiel v. Group Short Term Disability et al.*, No. 09-C-139 (E.D. Wis. July 07, 2010) (summary judgment obtained on plaintiff's claim for long-term disability benefits under ERISA)

Publications

- *Tools for Early Resolution of Insurance Bad-Faith Claims*, Defense Research Institute, For the Defense, Volume 58 Number 10 (October 2016) (co-author).
- *Coming Soon to a Computer Near You: Minnesota Court Records*, Bench & Bar of Minnesota, October 2015.
- *Shifting Battleground: When Is Conflict Discovery Allowed After Glenn v. Metlife?*, Defense Research Institute, The ERISA Report, Volume 10 Issue 2 (Aug. 12, 2015) (co-author).
- *Hole-in-One for Land-Use Control: Endorsing the Dominance of Comprehensive Plans—Mendota Golf, LLP v. City of Mendota Heights*, 33 Wm. Mitchell L. Rev. 627 (2007)

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