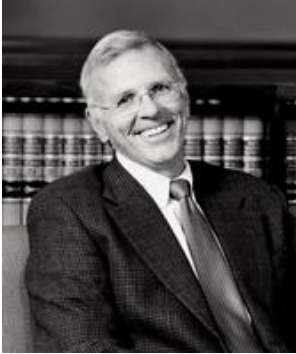


## STEVE W. GASKINS – MANAGING PARTNER



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School of Law, 1973, with  
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Steve Gaskins is one of the finest unknown lawyers in Minnesota. But then hes not from around here. He was born and reared in Texas. After graduating from law school at the University of Texas, he worked in New York City for 9 years, 5 for a big New York firm and 4 in the New York County District Attorneys office. At the D.A.s office, he tried all manner of cases from criminal contempt of the grand jury to murder. It was there, he says, he learned how to try a lawsuit.

During his years in New York, Steve made 5 summer vacation trips to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. On his last trip, Faegre & Benson offered him a job. In November 1982, he left New York and moved to Minnesota. It was snowing lightly when he arrived.

Once in Minnesota, he bought a car, took on a mortgage, got married, and had two kids. His home became Minnesota, though he still sounds like hes from Texas.

Steve practiced at Faegre & Benson for 7 years, becoming partner in 1984. In 1989, with George Flynn, he founded the firm that was to be Flynn, Gaskins & Bennett, L.L.P. The lions share of Steves practice has been high exposure product liability defense. However, Steves practice exemplifies the idea that the specialty of a trial lawyer is trials, not a specific area of the law. In addition to products cases, Steve has tried malpractice, contract, construction, securities, landlord/tenant, natural gas take-or-pay, and Article 4 cases. His practice has taken him into state and federal courts all over the country. He tried cases to verdict in Texas, Michigan, Montana, West Virginia, New Hampshire, New York, Kansas, Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Carolina, and even Minnesota. Though he lives in Minneapolis, he has tried more cases in Texas than he has in his hometown. He is among the best of Minnesotas lawyers, but he just wont stay home.

### Representative Experience :

*Municipal Mortgage & Equity, LLC v. Southfork Apts., Ltd. Pshp.*, 93 F.Supp.2d 622 (D.Md. 2000)

*Becherer v. Merrill Lynch, et. al.*, 43 F.2d 1054 (6th Cir. 1995)

*Stinson v. Clark Equipment Co., et al.*, 473 N.W.2d 333 (MN Ct.App. 1991)

*Johnson v. Kromhout*, 444 N.W.2d 569 (Henn.Co.Dist.Ct. 1988)

### Professional Recognition :

Fellow, [American College of Trial Lawyers](#)

### Court Admissions :

Texas, 1973  
Minnesota, 1983  
New York, 1974  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 1975  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1986  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 1974  
U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, 1984  
U.S. Supreme Court, 1987  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1990  
U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, 1999  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 2001  
U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 2006