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Mr. Vaccaro is a litigation attorney whose experience includes product liability defense, commercial disputes, insurance coverage and defense, and general litigation including cases involving civil rights law. He has litigated state and federal cases in Minnesota and throughout the United States, representing clients in matters involving death, personal injury, property damage and significant business loss.

He received his undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, from Boston University in 1997, and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 2001. During law school, Mr. Vaccaro worked for Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts (WALA), a legal services organization supporting artists and arts-related organizations in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

Mr. Vaccaro joined the firm in 2004. He previously practiced as a business litigation associate at Faegre & Benson LLP.

Representative Experience :

- With [Bradley Ayers](#), tried and obtained defense verdict in insurance coverage dispute. Previously obtained favorable summary judgment ruling dismissing claims of bad faith, misrepresentation and violation of Unfair Claims Practices Act. Briefed and argued appeal, securing affirmance.
- On behalf of water valve manufacturer, obtained partial summary judgment as to strict liability and breach of warranty claims, followed by dismissal of remaining failure to warn claim on the first day of trial.
- Obtained summary judgment for gas control manufacturer in explosion and fire case.
- Summary judgment for insurer in *Miller v. Shugart* coverage dispute involving Professional Services Liability Policy.
- Representing defendant employer in non-compete case, obtained transfer of Wisconsin declaratory judgment action to Minnesota along with rejection of application of plaintiff-favorable Wisconsin law to dispute.
- Obtained defense verdict on oppression and frustration of continued employment claims under the Minnesota Limited Liability Company Act.
- Summary judgment for defendant landlord in purported mold exposure personal injury case.

Professional Recognition :

Rising Star, *Minnesota Law & Politics*, 2006 – 2010

Memberships :

American Bar Association
Defense Research Institute
Hennepin County Bar Association
Minnesota State Bar Association

Court Admissions :

Minnesota, 2001
U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, 2002
U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, 2004
U.S. District Court, District of North Dakota, 2005

Civic Involvement :

Member, Our Lady of Grace Church

Member, American Sailing Association (ASA)