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## BRADLEY J. AYERS – PARTNER

Brad is a trial lawyer, specializing in the areas of product liability, premises liability, insurance and construction litigation. He defends corporations and insurers in a variety of matters involving wrongful death, personal injury and property damage nationwide. Brad's product liability practice is wide ranging: he has defended such products as industrial equipment, automated controls, domestic appliances, medical devices and food and beverage contamination claims. Brad has successfully tried numerous cases to verdict in State and Federal Court.

Brad graduated from St. Johns University in Collegeville, Minnesota in 1983. He received his J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law in 1988. Brad practiced as an associate with Flynn, Gaskins & Bennett before he became a partner in 1996.

Brad is a member of the Product Liability Committee for the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Institute. He is also a member of the Minnesota, Wisconsin and Hennepin County Bar Associations. Brad is qualified as a mediator under Rule 114 of the Minnesota Rules of General Practice. He has received a preeminent rating of AV from Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized as a Super Lawyer by Minnesota Law and Politics.

### **Seminars/Publications:**

Brad has lectured at various Minnesota continuing legal education courses and expert seminars in the areas of product liability, fire investigation and insurance coverage.

### **Representative Experience :**

Brad's experience is best represented by the number and variety of cases he has tried:

*Diane Saarela v. MN FAIR Plan*, 27-CV-06-8852 (Hennepin County 2007)

*Carolyn and John Porter v. RJR Custom Homes, Inc.*, 27-CV-06-1730 (Hennepin County 2007)

*McHugh v. Wysocky, Integrity Mutual Insurance Company*, 03CV70 (Eau Claire County, WI. 2005)

*Van Hoven Company, Inc. v. McC, Inc. d/b/a McCormick Construction*, C3-01-8522 (Dakota County 2002)

*Scotty's Pub & Bottle Shop, Inc. v. Badger Mutual Insurance Company*, 01-140 DWF/RLE (U. S. District Court-District of Minnesota 2002)

*Bess v. Graco Inc.*, 980-2180 (22nd Judicial Circuit, St. Louis, MO Circuit Court 2000)

*King v. Soo Line Railroad, Schindler Elevator, Soo Line Bldg. Assoc.*, 97-365-JMR/FLM (Federal District 1999)

*Jeske v. Graco Inc.*, C9-95-1124 (Chisago County 1997)

*Marshall County v. Honeywell*, CX-96-205 (Marshall County 1997)

*The League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust vs. Brian Larsen*, CO-95-7656 (Dakota County 1996)

*Georges v. Hognlund's Flowers, et al. vs. G.W. Holm Co. and Eliason vs. Jerry's Blacktopping*, DC PI 93-004890 (Hennepin County 1994)

*Henry and Laurie Gossen v. Western National Mutual Ins. Co.*, 48-C3-94-000455

(Mille Lacs County 1995)

*Timothy Carlisle, Steven Carlisle, and Richard Carlisle, d/b/a Hansen's Radiator Repair vs. Western National Mutual Ins. Co.*, CT 93-005039 (Hennepin County 1994)

*State Farm Fire and Casualty Company v. Patrick J. Burns, et al.*, C2-92-321 (Winona County 1993)

*R.L. Christensen v. Bartley Supply*, CO-89-000211 (Stearns County 1991)

*Austin Mutual Insurance Company v. Bernard P. Rosen and Jeanne A. Rosen*, C8-88-1774 (Stearns County 1989)

**Professional Recognition :**

- Minnesota Law & Politics Super Lawyer 2003, 2006

**Memberships :**

- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, 1990 – Present
- Hennepin County Bar Association, 1988 – Present
- Minnesota State Bar Association, 1988 – Present
- Wisconsin State Bar Association, 1997 – Present

**Court Admissions :**

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

**Civic Involvement :**

St. Michael's Catholic Church – Parishioner, Lector and Eucharist Minister