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PRACTICE GROUPS

Construction
Products Liability
Trust and Estate Litigation

INDUSTRY GROUPS

Agribusiness
Construction

OVERVIEW

Mr. Gilchrist is a litigation attorney, focusing his practice in the areas of products liability, construction, and trust and estate litigation. He is experienced in taking and defending depositions, mediating cases, and drafting and arguing dispositive motions.

Mr. Gilchrist has worked on a number of large exposure products liability cases across the county where he works closely with technical experts to obtain favorable results on behalf of his clients. He has successfully defended contractors and suppliers against construction defect claims. Mr. Gilchrist has experience in trust and estate litigation handling unique issues enforcing a no-contest clause. His practice also includes defending a multi-billion dollar global retailer in general liability matters.

Mr. Gilchrist does pro-bono work through the Volunteer Lawyer Network assisting individuals with conciliation court matters.

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

University of St. Thomas School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2021

- Dean's Award
- Dean's List

University of Minnesota-Duluth, B.A., 2018

- Dean's List
- Departmental Honors

Bar Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, District of North Dakota
- Minnesota
- North Carolina
- South Carolina

EXPERIENCE

Representative Cases

- Successfully defended a large window contractor against a construction defect claim at summary judgment.
- Obtained a favorable settlement by bringing an action to enforce a trust's no-contest clause against a beneficiary.
- Obtained a favorable settlement involving a large propane explosion involving multiple seriously injured defendants.

Publications

- *Dabbling in Debt Collection: Is Your Law Firm Unwittingly Acting as a "Debt Collector" Under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act?*, co-author with P. Newman, Professional Liability Defense Quarterly, Vol. 15, No. 1, 2023
- *Keeping an Eye on the Clock: Important Legal Deadlines That Construction Professionals Should Be Tracking*, co-author with K. Willems, Associated General Contractors of Minnesota, February 2023

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EXPERIENCE

Seminars

- *Products Liability Issues Impacting Local Government*, presenter, Minnesota Association of Townships Insurance & Bond Trust 2024 Fall Attorney Seminar, October 4, 2024

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

Bar Associations

- Minnesota State Bar Association
 - Civil Litigation Section
 - Probate, Trusts and Estates Section
- Hennepin County Bar Association

Professional Associations

- Associated General Contractors of Minnesota