

 **Mark R. Azman** | Partner

## Practice Areas

- *Business and Commercial Law*
- *Construction Law*
- *Education Law*
- *General Liability*
- *Government Liability*
- *Insurance Coverage*
- *Premises Liability*
- *Products Liability*
- *Self Insurance*
- *Toxic and Mass Tort*
- *Subrogation*

## Attorney Bio

In litigation and transactional matters, Mark Azman represents and advises public and private entities, focusing his practice in the areas school law, construction law and insurance coverage. Mark has handled the day-to-day litigation management of numerous large-scale Minnesota and Wisconsin public school district matters involving school safety, tort liability, employment law, and construction matters. Mark also negotiates and drafts contracts and other agreements in the fields of construction, joint enterprise, insurance, employment, and real estate. He also has defended counties, cities and townships in suits involving issues including election disputes, dram shop, employment disputes, feedlots, roads, water law, and zoning.

Mark defends insurers in complex coverage disputes involving a wide range of underlying litigation including construction, employment, and product liability matters. He has also represented a variety of clients in a diverse range of commercial litigation cases involving the mortgage industry, real estate speculation and development, food industry, animal feed businesses, home health care, insurance brokerages and advertising and communications.

Mark has spoken at numerous seminars on many topics including governmental liability, school law, cyber liability and campaign finance matters. Prior to joining the Firm, he practiced in St. Cloud, Minnesota, and also clerked for the Honorable Sharon L. Hall of the Tenth Judicial District.

He is a member of the Defense Research Institute, the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association, the Federal Bar Association, and the Eighth Circuit Bar Association. Mark is admitted to practice in all state and federal district courts in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and the Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Council of School Attorneys, and has been identified as a Minnesota Law and Politics Rising Star.

Mark has served on the Board of Directors of a large Homeowners Association (serving 1800 households). From years as President of the Board, with a multimillion dollar budget the Homeowners Association managed parks, recreation and roads. He negotiated commercial contracts, managed employment matters, managed outside council in litigation matters and was deeply involved in negotiating new real estate development in the community.

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- Education**
- William Mitchell College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*
  - The College of the Holy Cross, B.A. (Economics)

- Bar Admissions**
- Minnesota State Court
  - Wisconsin State Court
  - North Dakota State Court
  - Federal District Court, District of Minnesota
  - Federal District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
  - Federal District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
  - Federal District Court, District of North Dakota
  - Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
  - Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals
  - Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals

- Affiliations**  
(selected list)
- Minnesota School Boards Association
  - National School Boards Association
  - National Council of School Attorneys
  - Minnesota Council of School Attorneys
    - Former Member of the Board of Directors
  - Defense Research Institute
  - Federal Bar Association
  - Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
    - Governmental Liability Section
    - Construction Law Section
    - Insurance Law Section
  - Minnesota State Bar Association
    - Commercial Litigation and Governmental Liability Sections
  - Eighth Circuit Bar Association
  - Hennepin County Bar Association
  - Warren E. Burger American Inn of Court (Alumnus)
  - John E. Simonett American Inn of Court (Alumnus)
  - Holy Cross Club of Minnesota / Holy Cross Lawyers Club

- Author and Speaker**  
(selected list)
- *Social Media Challenges and Policy-Guided Responses*, Minnesota School Boards Assn. Annual Leadership Conference (2017)
  - *Brick By Brick: Your Construction Contract and Builders Risk Insurance Basics*, Minnesota School Boards Assn. Annual Leadership Conference (2017)
  - *Finding Quick Answers to Common Contracting and Purchasing Issues*, Minnesota School Boards Assn. Annual Leadership Conference (2017)
  - *Avoiding and Winning Bid Challenges*, Minnesota School Boards Assn. Leadership Conference (2016)
  - *Civil and Human Rights for School Districts*, Minnesota School Board Assn. Leadership Conference (2015)
  - *Cyber Liability and Identity Theft, The Challenge Facing Your District*, Minnesota Assn. of School Business Officials (2015)
  - *School Construction, a Refresher*, Minnesota Association of School Business Officials (2015)
  - *Campaign Finance Reporting Laws and School Districts, What You Need to Know*, Minnesota School Boards Assn. Leadership Conference (2013)
  - *Intellectual Property Rights of Public Schools*, Minnesota School Boards Assn. Annual Leadership Conference (2009)
  - *School Construction and the New "Best Value" Contracting Law*, Minnesota School Boards Assn. Annual Leadership Conference (2008)
  - *Controlling Construction Costs*, National Business Institute (2008)
  - *Project Delays, Disruptions and Changes*, National Business Institute (2008)
  - *Investigating The Difficult Issues (Employment Law)*, Minnesota School Boards Assn. Annual Leadership Conference (2007)
  - *Construction Defect Claims in Minnesota*, Lorman Education Services (2006)
  - *How's Your Mechanical Project?*, Minnesota Assn. of School Business Officials (2006)
  - *Defense Perspectives on Education Law*, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Assn. Mid-Winter Conf. (2006)
  - *The Betterment or Added Benefit Defense*, ABA The Construction Lawyer (Spring 2006) (co-author)
  - *Joint Powers and Partnership Arrangements for School Districts*, Minnesota School Boards Association Leadership Conf. (2005)
  - *The Development of Title VII Protection for American Citizens Employed Abroad by American Employers: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*, 18 Wm. Mitchell L. Rev. 531 (1992)