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PRACTICE AREAS

Agribusiness
Business Litigation
Financial Services
Mortgage Lending & Servicing
Product Liability
Professional Liability
Transportation & Logistics
Complex Torts



Tony, a partner with Larson • King, focuses his litigation and trial practice on the defense of products, transportation and professional liability claims. Tony's products practice involves the defense of product design and manufacturing claims in Minnesota and across the country. Tony also defends several national and regional motor carriers in a variety of claims and he is active in the firm's accident rapid response team. In his professional liability practice, Tony works with wide range of professionals including physicians, accountants, attorneys, fiduciaries and service technicians in defense against claims of professional negligence. Tony also regularly represents professionals in their response to professional board complaints.

Prior to practicing law, Tony worked as a corporate auditor with a major public accounting firm where he served several widely held, publicly traded clients. Tony puts his accounting background to use representing mortgage lending and servicing companies, and handling financial disputes and other complex commercial matters. Tony graduated *cum laude* from the University of Minnesota Law School.

LAW SCHOOL

University of Minnesota, J.D., *cum laude*, 2005

COLLEGE

University of St. Thomas, B.A., Accounting, *magna cum laude*, 2001

MEMBER

American Bar Association
Minnesota State Bar Association
Ramsey County Bar Association
Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association (2021-2022 President; Executive Committee; Board of Directors; Past Chair, Products Liability Committee)
Association of Defense Trial Attorneys
Defense Research Institute (Steering Committee, Products Liability)

ADMITTED

Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, U.S. District Court: Minnesota, Eastern Wisconsin, Western Wisconsin, North Dakota, Central Illinois, and Colorado

HONORS & AWARDS

Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* (less than two percent of U.S. attorneys) (2022-2026)
Selected to the Minnesota Super Lawyers list, which represents the top five percent of attorneys who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and achievement (2023-2025)
Named to the Minnesota Super Lawyers Rising Star list, which recognizes no more than 2.5 percent of Minnesota attorneys (2008, 2010, 2011, 2013-2018)

PUBLICATIONS & SEMINARS

Evaluating PTSD Claims, Property and Liability Resource Bureau Webinar, Presenter, 2019
Hot Jurisdictions and Nuclear Verdicts, USLAW Seminar, London, Presenter, 2018
Evaluating and Defending the Worst of the Worst, Presenter, Chicago & New York, 2017

Taking a Technical Approach to Defending Products Claims, MDLA Trial Techniques Seminar, Presenter, 2016

The Effect of New Technology on Products Liability Cases, MDLA Mid-Winter Seminar, Presenter, January, 2016

Guide to Defense Practice, DRI Defense Library Series, Chapter Author, 2015

Evidentiary Issues in Trucking Cases, American Bar Association, The Brief, Summer Issue, 2014

The Current Status of Collateral Sources, MDLA Trial Techniques Seminar, Presenter, August, 2014

Evidentiary Issues in Trucking Cases, Presenter, ABA TIPS Fall Leadership Meeting (October, 2013)

New Lawyer Experience: Dealing with Difficult Counsel, Clients and Judges, Panel Speaker, Minnesota CLE (July, 2013)

New Developments in Minnesota Comparative Fault Law Panel Speaker, MDLA Products Liability Committee (July, 2013)

Beyond Beginner's Luck: A Young Lawyer's Guide to Effective Motion Practice, Presenter, DRI Young Lawyers Conference, Las Vegas (June, 2013)

Hot Topics in Lawyer and Accountants' E&O, Panelist, PLUS Midwest Chapter, Chicago (May, 2013)

Proactive Defense of Professional Liability Claims: The Best Defense is a Good Offense, Author, ExecSense E-Book (2013)

The Collateral Source Rule: A Compendium of State Law, Author (MN) and Regional Editor, (2012)

Clearing the Weeds: Artful Expert Witness Depositions, Webcast Presenter, DRI Trial Tactics Committee, (May 2012)

How to Defend a Product with a "History", presenter, DRI Product Liability Conference: Product Liability in the 21st Century, Las Vegas (April 2012)

Don't Be That Guy (or Gal) - Avoiding Common Ethical Pitfalls, presenter, DRI Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (2011)

Evaluation of Economic Loss Claims, presenter, MDLA Trial Techniques Seminar, Duluth (2011)

Most Litigated Issues Pertaining to Industry Documentation and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, *Defense Research Institute's Trucking Law Seminar* (Winter 2010)

Taking Control of the Wheel: Navigating Litigation Your Way on a Road of Difficult Witnesses and Opposing Counsel, MDLA Mid-Winter Conference (February, 2009)

Navigating Seller's Exception Statutes, For the Defense (February 2009)

Class Action Shake Out: CAFA and the Defense of Products Liability Actions, For the Defense (December, 2005)

Motion Practice Tips: Helpful Hints to Assist Your Client and Stay in the Good Graces of the Court, *Barrister* (December 2004)

A Bump In The Road: Ascertaining Damages in Transportation Law Cases, *Minnesota Defense* (Fall 2004)