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PRACTICE AREAS

Business Litigation

Complex Torts

Construction



Jack is an experienced trial lawyer who handles a wide variety of litigation. He focuses his practice on catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death, business and contract disputes, and property and construction damage claims. Jack provides thoughtful legal counsel to his clients throughout representation so they can make well-informed decisions. He keeps his clients' best interests in mind at all times, and he works to achieve the best results possible. Jack has tried cases to verdict involving wrongful death, personal injury, property damage, and construction disputes. He regularly litigates high exposure, multi-million dollar lawsuits, and has had multiple successful jury verdicts involving claims in excess of \$10 million. Among Jack's successful verdicts, he recently obtained a complete dismissal of his client in a wrongful death trial where the plaintiff claimed \$10 million in damages. Jack has also argued appellate cases before the Supreme Court of North Dakota and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. The majority of Jack's practice is devoted to defending claims, but he also represents plaintiffs. He has obtained numerous successful settlements and results for his clients in those cases as well. Jack's trial experience is put to good use as a member of North Dakota's Pattern Jury Instruction Commission. The Commission is comprised of six lawyer-members and six judge-members. Jack helps to develop jury instructions based on current North Dakota law. North Dakota judges use the pattern jury instructions to instruct juries on the law as they decide the facts of each case. Jack is always working to further improve his trial skills. He graduated from the prestigious International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) Trial Academy at Stanford Law School in 2019. The IADC Trial Academy is a comprehensive and challenging seven-day program that is designed to help lawyers further develop and fine-tune trial advocacy skills. Jack's passion for trial advocacy started while he was in law school. In his final year, Jack won UND's trial competition, the Carrigan Cup. He also competed extensively in the Moot Court and Trial Team programs. As a result of his accomplishments throughout law school, Jack was inducted into the National Order of Barristers. In his free time, Jack is a volunteer coach of the University of St. Thomas School of Law's Trial Advocacy team for the Student Trial Advocacy Competition, which is hosted by American Association for Justice (AAJ). Outside of his work, Jack likes to spend time with his fiancée and dog. He enjoys traveling and time outdoors.

LAW SCHOOL

University of North Dakota School of Law, J.D., *with distinction* Trial Team Best Appellate Brief Award, Moot Court Carrigan Cup School Champion, Mock Trial High Grade Award, Advanced Appellate Advocacy

COLLEGE

University of North Dakota, *cum laude*, B.S.

ADMITTED

Minnesota North Dakota Fort Berthold District Court U.S. District Court,
District of North Dakota U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota U.S. Court of
Appeals, Eighth Circuit U.S. Supreme Court Past Pro Hac Vice Admissions:
Alaska and Montana

MEMBER

North Dakota's Pattern Jury Instruction Commission (2020-present) USLAW
Defense Research Institute (DRI) Bruce M. Van Sickle American Inn of Court,
Past President (2017-2018)

HONORS & AWARDS

Minnesota Super Lawyers, Rising Star (2023) (recognizing no more than 2.5
percent of the leading attorneys age 40 or younger or in practice 10 years or
less) Great Plains Super Lawyers, Rising Star (2017-2021) Graduate of the
47th Annual Trial Academy, International Association of Defense Counsel
(IADC), Stanford Law School National Order of Barristers