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Overview

Rodger Hagen is a trial lawyer with more than 30 years of first-chair trial experience. The focus of his practice is the defense of physicians, hospitals, clinics and other health care providers in professional liability matters. Rodger has tried scores of cases to juries throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota and takes great pride in representing clients who are devoted to attending to and promoting the health of others. As those clients serve others, Rodger is devoted to serving them and helping them through what can be a difficult and unsettling ordeal. His clients frequently describe him as calm, composed, and confidence-inspiring and he has an enviable record of successes in the courtroom as well as in resolving cases before trial, when warranted.

Rodger has attained the prestigious honor of induction as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has earned both *Best Lawyers*® in America and *Super Lawyers*® recognition in the area of medical malpractice defense. He heads the Health Care Professional Liability practice group at Meagher + Geer which is ranked in the top tier of medical malpractice defense firms by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Best Lawyers*®.

Rodger's advocacy also extends to protecting the broader interests of health care professionals and their insurers and he has frequently been called upon to testify before various legislative committees and to provide behind-the-scenes consultation and assistance in lobbying efforts pertinent to medical malpractice litigation and tort reform.

As an invited speaker, Rodger has addressed groups of attorneys, health care providers and insurance professionals on a variety of subjects ranging from risk management and legislative affairs to medical jurisprudence and trial advocacy.

Education

- ◆ University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., 1984
- ◆ Concordia College, B.A., 1980

Services

- ◆ Life Sciences
- ◆ Professional Liability - Health Care

State Bar Admissions

- ◆ Minnesota, 1984
- ◆ North Dakota, 1999
- ◆ Wisconsin, 1991

Federal Court Admissions

- ◆ United States District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, 1996
- ◆ United States District Court, District of Minnesota, 1989

Clerkships

- ◆ The Honorable Charles Cashman, Steele County District Court of Minnesota, 1985-1986
- ◆ The Honorable Lawrence T. Gallagher, Waseca County District Court, Third Judicial District, 1985-1986



Experience

Professional Affiliations

- ◆ Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- ◆ Minnesota State Bar Association
- ◆ Hennepin County Bar Association
- ◆ Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
- ◆ Wisconsin State Bar Association
- ◆ State Bar Association of North Dakota
- ◆ Defense Research Institute
- ◆ Medical Professional Liability Association

Notable

Accolades

- ◆ Named Minneapolis Best Lawyers Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants Lawyer of the Year, 2013
- ◆ Inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, 2012
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in the Minnesota Super Lawyers® list in the area of Personal Injury Medical Malpractice: Defense, Thomson Reuters, (only five percent of the lawyers in the state were selected), 2003-2022
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers of America® in the areas of Medical Malpractice Law-Defendants and Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants, 2009-2023
- ◆ Chosen to serve on Minnesota District Judges Association Professional Malpractice Subcommittee for current Civil Jury Instruction Guide
- ◆ Awarded the highest possible Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating, AV® Preeminent™ (AV is a registered certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies)