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Overview

Heather is a dynamic leader and seasoned litigator at Meagher + Geer, where she chairs the Products Liability, Mass Tort/Toxic Tort, Asbestos/Talc, and Safety and Environmental practice groups. As a member of the firm's Management Committee, Heather brings strategic vision and a wealth of experience to her role.

Heather focuses her trials and litigation practice on the following types of matters:

- ◆ Products Liability
- ◆ Mass Toxic Torts
- ◆ Personal Injury
- ◆ PFAS
- ◆ Asbestos
- ◆ Talc
- ◆ General Liability
- ◆ Construction Defect
- ◆ Subrogation Defense

The emphasis of her products liability and mass toxic tort cases involve high-risk cases in Minnesota, North Dakota, Arizona, Wisconsin, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Montana, and South Dakota.

Licensed in eight states, Heather has a proven track record of defending manufacturers, distributors, fabricators, suppliers, and contractors in complex cases across the country. She serves as national counsel for several major clients, including a refractory contractor, door manufacturer, lab equipment supplier, and gasket supplier. She has also defended, at a national

Services

- ◆ Mass Tort/Toxic Tort
- ◆ Products Liability
- ◆ Professional Liability
- ◆ Construction
- ◆ Safety, Toxic Tort & Environmental

State Bar Admissions

- ◆ Minnesota, 2002
- ◆ Arizona, 2024
- ◆ Illinois, 2020
- ◆ Missouri, 2020
- ◆ Montana, 2020
- ◆ North Dakota, 2009
- ◆ South Dakota, 2022
- ◆ Wisconsin, 2008

Federal Court Admissions

- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 2019
- ◆ United States District Court, District of Minnesota, 2003
- ◆ United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 2010
- ◆ United States District Court, District of Montana, 2022
- ◆ United States District Court, District of North Dakota, 2012
- ◆ United States District Court, District of South Dakota, 2022
- ◆ United States District Court, Western District of Wisconsin, 2015

level, a large roofing and siding company and valve manufacturer.

Heather also works on matters involving large property damage, large construction defects, and general products liability claims, including the defense of personal injury, PFAS, and subrogation matters. She represents manufacturers, suppliers, and contractors in commercial and residential cases, general liability, general civil litigation, and appeals.

Before joining Meagher + Geer, Heather was a partner at a nationwide firm, where she managed its Minnesota Mass Toxic Torts Group. She also clerked for the Honorable Gordon W. Shumaker at the Minnesota Court of Appeals, gaining invaluable experience in both criminal and civil law.

Outside of the profession, Heather also enjoys spending time with her family, friends and dog, Phoenix; golfing; boating; exercising; traveling; cooking; serving as a Superfan of her children’s sports teams at Holy Family High School and Mayville State University; and supporting the alumnae of her alma mater, St. Ben’s.



Education

- ◆ William Mitchell College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2002
- ◆ College of St. Benedict, B.A., *cum laude*, 1999

Experience

TRIALS

- ◆ *Cinda Haugen, individually and on behalf of the Estate of James Nodsle v. A.H. Bennet Company, et al.*, 09-2016-CV-02156, February 27, 2018 – North Dakota
- ◆ *Violet Pfenning v. A.H. Bennet Company, et al.*, 09-2014-CV-01770, April 4, 2017 – North Dakota
- ◆ *Judy Geier, individually and on behalf of the Estate of Douglas Geier v. A.H. Bennet Company, et al.*, 09-2014-CV-01765, October 4, 2016 – North Dakota
- ◆ *Maynard Borner v. A.H. Bennet Company, et al.*, 09-2014-CV-01250, August 30, 2016 – North Dakota
- ◆ *James Rheault v. A. O. Smith Corporation, et al.*, 09-2014-CV-01773, April 26, 2016 – North Dakota
- ◆ *Darrough v. NIBCO, et al.*, 2011 - Missouri
- ◆ *Linda Wolff, individually and as personal representative of the estate of Julian Wolff v. Armstrong International, Inc., et al.*, 08-1861, 2010 – South Dakota

Professional Affiliations

- ◆ Litigation Counsel of America
 - ◇ Member, Trial Law Institute
 - ◇ Member, Diversity Law Institute

- ◆ Member, International Association of Defense Counsel, An invitation only, peer-reviewed association comprised of the world's leading corporate and insurance lawyers and insurance executives
- ◆ Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- ◆ Minnesota State Bar Association
- ◆ Hennepin County Bar Association
 - ◇ Chair of Insurance and Tort Law Section (2016-2018)
- ◆ Minnesota Women Lawyers

Community Involvement

- ◆ College of Saint Benedict's Alumnae Association Board of Directors (2014-2016)
- ◆ Chanhassen Athletic Association Board of Directors (2014-2020)
- ◆ Edina High School and Holy Family Catholic High School Mock Trial Attorney Coach (2010-2017)
- ◆ Chanhassen soccer and basketball coach for youth teams (2012-2016)

Notable

Accolades

- ◆ Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America (A trial lawyer honorary society, with membership limited to one-half of one percent of American lawyers, and by invitation only)
- ◆ Member, International Association of Defense Counsel, An invitation only, peer-reviewed association comprised of the world's leading corporate and insurance lawyers and insurance executives
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America® in the areas of Construction, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants and Products Liability Litigation – Defendants, 2018-2025
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in the Minnesota Super Lawyers® list in the area of Personal Injury Products: Defense, Thomson Reuters, (only five percent of the lawyers in the state were selected), 2020-2024
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in "Minnesota's Top Lawyers" list in the area of Product Liability, *Minnesota Monthly*, 2023
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in the Minnesota Rising Stars list, Thomson Reuters, (only 2.5 percent of the Minnesota attorneys are given this honor), 2007-2009, 2011-2017
- ◆ Named an Up and Coming Attorney by Minnesota Lawyer, 2005

Presentations

- ◆ Leveraging Artificial Intelligence for Enhanced Legal Practice, DRI Asbestos Medicine Seminar (November 2024)
- ◆ World of Women - Women in the Legal Profession (June 2022)
- ◆ Women in Business, Perrin's Asbestos Litigation Conference (September 2016)
- ◆ A National Overview & Outlook: Top 10 Things Defendants & Plaintiffs Should Know About Insurance Claims, Perrin's Asbestos Litigation Conference (September 2012)
- ◆ The New Lawyer Experience: Law Firm and Solo Practitioners: Candid Advice (2006)
- ◆ Eight Cases You Need to Know—Examining the Minnesota Appellate Courts' Most Recent and Relevant Decisions (2006)
- ◆ Elimination of Bias: Gender Issues in the Legal Workplace (2005)

Publications

- ◆ Co-author, “Laska v. Anoka County: A Quest for Justice for an Infant Who Died of SIDS Resulting in Appellate Court Finding Day Care Helper Owes a Duty to Protect” 32 Wm. Mitchell L. Rev. 1549 (2006)