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Overview

Leatha chairs Meagher + Geer's Anti-Fraud and Extra Contractual Litigation practice group and she has handled thousands of cases throughout her career. As one of the firm's leaders, she also serves as a member of its Management Committee.

Leatha litigates fraud and civil RICO matters throughout Minnesota and the country. She has successfully represented her clients against numerous bad faith and extracontractual claims. She also has experience handling significant property loss, defamation, and other complex commercial litigation. Leatha is regularly named to the *Minnesota Super Lawyers*® list in the area of anti-fraud counseling and business litigation. She is listed in *The Best Lawyers*® in America in the areas of Insurance Law and Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants. Leatha is also a Fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America – an invitation-only honor society that limits its membership to the top 0.5 percent of trial lawyers. Fellows are selected on the basis of effectiveness and accomplishment in litigation and superior ethical reputation. She was named an Attorney of the Year by *Minnesota Lawyer* in 2015.

Frequently, Leatha is asked to resolve questions involving arson, property losses, healthcare provider fraud, staged automobile accidents, and contract rescission based on misrepresentation. She has lectured, conducted trial advocacy training sessions, and provided in-house instruction to clients, trade groups, and other businesses on all aspects of litigation. She speaks on varied topics including fraud prevention, deposition tactics, and all aspects of litigation.

Outside the office, Leatha enjoys spending time with her family, dogs and horse.

Education

- ◆ William Mitchell College of Law, J.D., 1986
- ◆ Macalester College, B.A., 1983

Services

- ◆ Anti-Fraud and Extra Contractual Litigation
- ◆ Commercial Litigation
- ◆ Insurance
 - ◇ Insurance - Bad Faith
 - ◇ Insurance Coverage
 - ◇ Insurance - Reinsurance

State Bar Admissions

- ◆ Minnesota, 1986
- ◆ Wisconsin, 2002
- ◆ Arizona, 2013
- ◆ North Dakota, 2021

Federal Court Admissions

- ◆ United States District Court, District of Minnesota, 1986



Experience

Professional Affiliations

- ◆ International Association of Arson Investigators, Minnesota Chapter
- ◆ 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)
 - ◇ Barrister, Order of Justitia
 - ◇ Member, Trial Law Institute
 - ◇ Member, Diversity Law Institute
- ◆ Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
- ◆ Minnesota State Bar Association
- ◆ Hennepin County Bar Association
- ◆ Minnesota Women Lawyers

Notable

Accolades

- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 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, Litigation Counsel of America Trial Law Institute
- ◆ Member, Litigation Counsel of America Diversity Law Institute
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America® in the areas of Insurance Law and Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, 2021-2025
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in the Minnesota Super Lawyers® list in the area of Business Litigation, Thomson Reuters, (only five percent of lawyers in the state were selected), 2007-2025
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in "Minnesota's Top Lawyers" list in the area of Litigation - Insurance, *Minnesota Monthly*, 2023
- ◆ Named an Attorney of the Year, Minnesota Lawyer, 2015
- ◆ Selected as a "2014 Top-Rated Lawyer in Insurance Law" by The American Lawyer & Corporate Counsel magazine and Martindale-Hubbell™
- ◆ Recognized in the list of Top 100 Women Super Lawyers, 2008-2009

- ◆ Featured in New York Times (Business section) article, "**Out of the Church Kitchen and Into the Courts**" (by A. Martin, June 8, 2008), regarding food-borne-illness wrongful death litigation

Speaking Engagements & Published Articles

- ◆ Blurred Lines: Adjusting & Appraising Large Loss, presentation at Property & Liability Resource Bureau (PLRB) 2014 Large Loss Conference (October 29-31, 2014)
- ◆ Medical Provider Fraud, presentation to State Farm (October 10, 2013)
- ◆ Contributor, "The Case of the Violently Sick Lutherans" Lawsuits of the Year section in Minnesota Law & Politics (December/January 2009)
- ◆ Medical Provider Fraud, presentation to Insurance Federation of Minnesota (November 17, 2008)