



## Amy J. Woodworth

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### Overview

Amy focuses her practice on representing insurers in complex commercial property and liability insurance coverage and coverage disputes – with a special emphasis on commercial, environmental and toxic tort matters. She has been recognized as a *Rising Star* in insurance coverage.

“I enjoy all aspects of assisting clients with their issues in complex insurance coverage cases – from analyzing coverage under the policies in the early stages of a claim to litigating coverage disputes across the nation – from trial through appeal.”

Amy’s cases involve disputes over coverage for environmental damages claims; disputes brought under commercial first-party property claims; disputes regarding coverage for construction defect claims; and disputes regarding coverage for advertising and personal injury type claims. She also defends insurers against allegations of bad faith.

Amy was also a prosecutor in the Consumer Fraud division of the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office. She is admitted to practice in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Outside the office, Amy enjoys running, swimming, reading and cooking.

### Education

- ◆ Hamline University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1995
- ◆ Grinnell College, B.A., 1991

### Prior Experience

- ◆ Meagher + Geer, P.L.L.P., Associate 2003-2006, Partner 2006-Present
- ◆ Assistant Attorney General, State of Minnesota Consumer Fraud Division, 2000-2003
- ◆ Meagher + Geer, P.L.L.P., Associate 1997-2000

### Services

- ◆ Insurance
  - ◇ Insurance - Bad Faith
  - ◇ Insurance Coverage
  - ◇ Insurance - Reinsurance

### State Bar Admissions

- ◆ Iowa, 2008
- ◆ Minnesota, 1995
- ◆ Wisconsin, 2003

### Federal Court Admissions

- ◆ United States District Court, District of Minnesota, 1997
- ◆ United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 2005



## Experience

### Representative Cases

- ◆ *Torgerson Properties, Inc. v. Continental Cas. Co.*, 2021 WL 615416 (D. Minn. Feb. 17, 2021)
- ◆ *G.M. Sign, Inc. v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co.*, 768 Fed. Appx. 982 (11th Cir. 2019)
- ◆ *Vitamin Health, Inc. v. Hartford Cas. Ins. Co.*, 16 F.Supp.3d 712 (E.D. Mich. 2016), *affirmed by* 685 Fed. App. 477 (6th Cir. 2017)
- ◆ *Gemelli v. Haugen*, 2015 WL 2457005 (Minn. Ct. App. 2015)
- ◆ *Sonic Automotive, Inc. v. Chrysler Ins. Co.*, 2014 WL 1382070 (S.D. Ohio 2014)
- ◆ *Bethel v. Darwin Select Ins. Co.*, 735 F.3d 1035 (8th Cir. 2013)
- ◆ *Russell v. Burlington Ins. Co.*, 2009 WL 2901205 (D. Minn. 2009)
- ◆ *St. Paul Mercury Ins. Co. v. Northern States Power Co.*, 2009 WL 2596074 (Minn. Ct. App. 2009)
- ◆ *Sue McLean & Assoc., Inc. v. Commerce and Indus. Ins. Co., Inc.*, 2009 WL 1587096 (Minn. Ct. App. 2009)
- ◆ *KMC Management Corp. v. Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's London*, 2000 WL 1742096 (Minn. Ct. App. 2000)

### Professional Affiliations

- ◆ Minnesota State Bar Association
- ◆ Hennepin County Bar Association
- ◆ Minnesota Women Lawyers

## Notable

### Accolades

- ◆ Managing Editor, *Coverage*, ABA Section of Litigation Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee (ICLC)
- ◆ Co-chair, Employment Subcommittee of the ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in the Minnesota *Rising Stars* list, Thomson Reuters, (Only 2.5 percent of the Minnesota attorneys are given this honor), 2008, 2009

### Speaking Engagements & Published Articles

- ◆ Lecturer, ABA Section of Litigation's Insurance Coverage Committee, *The Underwriter Deposition Zone: Practice Tips and Potential Pitfalls* (March 2015)
- ◆ Lecturer, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association 2014 Trial Techniques Seminar, *Three's Company. Or is it? The interplay*

between a declaratory judgment action and the underlying litigation (August 2014)

- ◆ Lecturer, ABA Section of Litigation's Insurance Coverage Committee, It's Not Nice to Brag, But Is It Disparagement? Recent Trends in Coverage for Implied Disparagement Claims under the Lanham Act (March 2014)
- ◆ Contributing author, "Insurance 101-Insights for Young Lawyers: When, What and Why?: Notifying Insurer of a "Claim" or a Potential Claim under an EPLI Policy" *Coverage* (Newsletter of American Bar Association Committee on Insurance Coverage Litigation), Vol. 21, No. 3 (May/June 2011)
- ◆ Lecturer, ABA Section of Litigation's Insurance Coverage Committee, AI Coverage: Additional, but No Less Important (March 2011)
- ◆ Lecturer, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association 2010 Insurance Law Institute, Additional Insured and Insured Contract Issues (October 2010)
- ◆ Lecturer, PLRB/LLRB 2010 Claims Conference, Additional Insureds and Insured Contracts (March 2010)
- ◆ Lecturer, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association Insurance Law Committee and Construction Law Committee presentation discussing insurance coverage matters concerning additional insureds and insured contracts (January 2010)
- ◆ Contributing author, "Oops, I Want That Back: Clawing Back Privileged Documents" *Mealey's Litigation Report: Insurance*, Vol. 23, No. 19 (March 19, 2009)
- ◆ Lecturer, ABA Section of Litigation's Insurance Coverage Committee, Oops, I Want That Back: Clawing Back Privileged Documents (March 2009)
- ◆ Lecturer, ABA Section of Litigation's Insurance Coverage Committee, Coverage Issues for Claims Arising out of Federal Consumer Protection Laws (February 2008)