

**MADGE S. THORSEN**

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**Attorney, arbitrator, and mediator experienced in commercial, business, contract, construction and products liability cases.**

**Professional Experience**

Admitted to practice in Minnesota, Colorado

Thorsen Kaplan LLP, Partner

Kelly & Berens, Partner

Popham, Haik, Schnobrich & Kaufman, Partner

Oppenheimer, Wolff & Donnelly, Associate/Partner

Neutral, American Arbitration Association, Commercial, Complex case, and Construction Panels

Neutral, International Center for Dispute Resolution

Mediator, Institute for Alternative Dispute Resolution, St. Cloud State University

Mediator, United States Postal Service Redress Program

Mediator, Minnesota Department of Education Special Education Mediation Services

**Representative clients** in private practice have included: General Electric Capital Corporation; American Airlines; Ceridian Corporation; Nomura Securities International, Inc.; Pfizer; G.D. Searle; Upjohn Pharmaceuticals; Biomedicus; Cardiac Pacemakers; Carbomedics; Dow Chemical; Johns-Manville Asbestos Trust; Metropolitan Airports Commission; Cordillera Development companies; Resolution Trust Corporation; Agway Inc.; Minnesota State Board of Investment

## **Educational Background**

University of Minnesota, B.A. summa cum laude

University of Minnesota Law School, J.D. magna cum laude  
Order of the Coif

University of Minnesota Law Review, Editor-in-Chief.

University of Minnesota Institute on Community Integration Certification Program

Extensive Arbitration and Mediation Training from American Arbitration Association; Kellogg Executive Center; St. Cloud State Institute for Alternative Dispute Resolution; USPS Transformative Mediation Training. Qualified Rule 114 Neutral. Continuing legal education.

## **Teaching Experience**

One year as an Adjunct Professor, William Mitchell Law School teaching Civil Procedure

Two years as an Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota Law School teaching Products Liability

Guest lecturer, William Mitchell Law School, teaching Arbitration

Frequent continuing legal education lecturer in the areas of mediation, arbitration, business and commercial litigation, creativity and law

Coach of adults and children with disabilities, Minnesota Special Olympics

Coach, High School Mock Trial Program (9th-12th)

## **Representative Publications and Lectures**

Thorsen, Kaplan & Hakala, *Rediscovering the Economics of Loss Causation*, 6 J. BUS. & SEC. L. 93 (April 2006)

Thorsen, Madge S., *Boomerqs: Another Winkle on How to Practice Law?* **The Practical Lawyer**, Vol. 53, No. 1 (February 2007)

**"Tips for Choosing an Arbitrator"** Panel Moderator, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Presentation, March 10, 2009.

(Upcoming) Panelist, **“Restorative Justice in Public Schools—Using Restorative Justice for Conflict Resolution and Leadership Development**, University of St. Thomas: How are the Children? Part II: A Symposium Exploring the Role of Restorative Justice in Addressing the Needs of Youth,” April 1, 2009

### **Professional Associations**

American Bar Association

Minnesota State Bar Association

Chair, Mock Trial Committee

Chair, Peer Mediation Subcommittee

Secretary, Alternative Dispute Resolution Center

Hennepin County Bar Association

Named in "Best Lawyers in America"