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"I foster clients' business growth and prosperity by providing practical legal advice."

Jon acts as outside general counsel to privately-held companies, providing customized legal solutions to enhance their commercial endeavors. He represents clients in a variety of business and litigation matters. Jon has an M.B.A. and welcomes the opportunity to work with entrepreneurs and start-up companies.

Jon augments his general practice with a unique niche, consulting and advising clients with respect to internet domain names. Many clients are astonished to learn that two of their most valuable assets—their internet domain name and website—are plagued with cybersquatters who deliberately profit at the expense of the clients' intellectual property rights. Jon provides a common-sense approach to successfully regaining control of intellectual property rights and preventing future instances of abuse.

Practice Areas

- **Business Organizations and Transactional**
 - Contracts
 - Incorporation and Business Entity Formation
 - Mergers and Acquisitions
 - Risk Mitigation
- **Internet Law**
 - Domain Name Registration, Acquisition, and Protection
 - Domain Name Disputes, Litigation, and Arbitration
 - Website Terms of Use/Privacy Policies
- **Litigation**
 - Commercial Litigation
 - Contract Disputes
 - Funeral Home and Crematory Liability
 - Insurance Coverage Disputes
 - Partnership and Shareholder Disputes
 - Employment and Non-Competition Agreement Litigation
 - Estate and Trust Litigation
 - Will Contest and Trust Defense Litigation
 - Internet Law
 - Anti-Cybersquatting Consumer Protection Act ("ACPA") Litigation
 - Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution ("UDRP") Arbitration
 - Website Terms of Use/Privacy Policies
 - Real Estate and Construction Litigation
 - Averse Possession Claims
 - Boundary Disputes
 - Construction Defect
 - Mechanic Lien Foreclosure
 - Commercial Eviction
- **Real Estate Law**
 - Commercial Landlord-Tenant Matters
 - Lease Negotiation
 - Loan Modification, Work-out Negotiations, and Forbearance Agreements

Education

- J.D., St. Thomas School of Law, *cum laude*, 2008
- M.B.A., St. Thomas Opus College of Business, 2008
- B.A., History, Gustavus Adolphus College, *magna cum laude*, 2004
- B.A., Political Science *with honors*, Gustavus Adolphus College, *magna cum laude*, 2004
- Institute for Economic and Political Studies Program, London, England, 2003

Bar Admission

- Minnesota, 2008
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, 2008

Professional Certifications, Awards and Designations

- Kroll Ontrack E-Discovery Course Certification

Professional Activities and Memberships

- Minnesota State Bar Association, Computer Law Section Council Member
- Ramsey County Bar Association

Legal Publications

- [Avoid Five Common Mistakes Made By Residential Landlords](#)
- [Breaking Up Isn't Always Hard to Do: How A Legal Contract Can Make Parting With Business Partners More Sweet Than Sorrow](#)
- [Developers Earning Green for Building "Green"](#)
- [Don't Lose "New" Business Clients Before You Fully Retain Them: Key Domain Name Considerations Needed Before Incorporating New Businesses](#)
- [FAR Out! Understanding Changes to Federal Acquisition Regulations to Obtain Stimulus Money](#)
- [How to Properly Pick and Register Your Company's Internet Domain Name](#)
- [It's Not Easy Being Green: Legal Pitfalls of Green Construction](#)
- [Key Considerations for your Buy-sell Agreement](#)
- [Key Warranty Issues White Paper](#)
- [Revisiting Tri-State and Bayview's Skeletons: The Legal Lessons Learned From Two Outrageous Examples Of Crematory Misconduct](#)
- [Six Steps for Landlords to Maximize Eviction and Collection Efforts](#)
- [Summary Guide to Construction Claims](#)
- [Ten Common Landlord Mistakes: The Keys to Dealing with Delinquency and Eviction Proceedings](#)
- [The Way to Start Your Business Partnership Right](#)
- [Withdrawn Bids – When is a Bid a Binding Contract?](#)

Speaking Engagements

- 15 of the Top Computer Law-Related Decisions That Every Lawyer Should Know
- Effective Deposition Techniques: What litigators can learn from modern film and television clips (and a few real life examples too)
- Employers' Obligation to Retain and Preserve Written and Electronic Documents
- Legal Issues 101 for Entrepreneurs
- My Space or Your Space: The Employment Law Implications of Social Networking

Community Activities

- LegalCORPS, Volunteer Attorney
- Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance, Volunteer Attorney
- Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Volunteer Attorney
- University of St. Thomas Career of Professional Development, Presenter
- University of St. Thomas Opus College of Business Alumni Board
- University of St. Thomas School of Law, Student Mentor