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Donald Heeman's practice is devoted primarily to business litigation, employment litigation and professional licensing matters. Mr. Heeman has obtained verdicts and judgments for clients through both trial and motion practice. He has represented clients in state and federal court, and has also appeared before administrative and appellate courts. Mr. Heeman was named a shareholder of the firm in 2006 and is currently co-chair of the firm's litigation section.

Practice Areas

- [Business Litigation](#)
- [Labor and Employment Litigation](#)
 - Professional Licensing

Industry Specialties

Donald Heeman has developed a specialization in the representation of primary and secondary mortgage lenders in repurchase and breach of contract litigation. He currently serves as primary counsel for one of the largest secondary lenders on cases involving national repurchase matters. Mr. Heeman has also represented numerous servicers in defending regulatory claims, including allegations involving Truth In Lending Act (TILA) claims, Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) claims, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA) claims, HOEPA claims, and RESPA claims. In addition, Mr. Heeman also frequently represents professionals in licensing investigations and other inquiries, including matters before the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings.

Representative Cases

- *Farris v. Exotic Rubber & Plastics of Minnesota, Inc.*, 165 F.Supp.2d. 916 (D. Minn. 2001) (employment litigation/age discrimination)
- *State v. Hansen*, 2002 WL 31500697 (Minn. Ct. App. 2002) (criminal appeal)
- *State v. Selix*, 2002 WL 31891175 (Minn. Ct. App. 2002) (criminal appeal)
- *In re License of Judy C. Thompson, D.C.*, OAH No. 4-0901-14920-2 (2003) (professional licensing/chiropractor)
- *Privette v. SPX Corp.*, 2004 WL 2066834 (D. Minn. 2004) (employment litigation)
- *Ingersoll v. Rolf*, 2005 WL 625096 (Minn. Ct. App. 2005) (business litigation/property dispute)
- *El Sherif v. Allina Hospitals & Clinics*, 2006 WL 2474065 (Minn. Ct. App. 2006) (employment litigation)
- *Labore v. J.P. Morgan Chase Bank*, 2007 WL 3072065 (Minn. Ct. App. 2007) (business litigation/mortgage and FDCPA)
- *In re License of Maneval*, OAH No. 58-1005-17340-2 (2008) (professional licensing/real estate)
- *Residential Funding Company, LLC v. HTFC Corp.*, No. 06-CV-03973 (D. Minn. 2008) (business litigation/mortgage repurchase)
- *Ihekoronye v. City of Northfield*, 2008 WL 906206 (D. Minn. 2008) (business litigation/civil rights)

Education

- J.D., William Mitchell College of Law, *cum laude*, 1998
- Staff Member, William Mitchell Law Review, 1996-1997
- B.S., Arizona State University, 1994

Bar Admission

- Minnesota, 1998
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota, 1999

Professional Certifications, Awards and Designations

- Multiple nominations by Minnesota [Super Lawyers®](#) as a Rising Star, *Minnesota Law & Politics*

Professional Activities and Memberships

- Hennepin County Bar Association, Member
- Minnesota State Bar Association, Member

Related Experience

Assistant Attorney General for the State of Minnesota, 2000-2003:

- Consumer Fraud
- Deceptive Trade Practices
- False Advertising
- Professional Licensing

Legal Publications

- "Facing an Allegation – What to do if the Board of Medical Practice Calls," *Minnesota Physician* (2008)

Speaking Engagements

- Health Care Coverage for Older Adults: Prescription Drugs and Other Issues (CLE 2003)
- Corporation Liability Under the Theories of Piercing the Corporate Veil and Alter Ego (CLE 2006)