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Overview

Donald G. Heeman represents clients in business litigation and professional licensing matters, obtaining verdicts and judgments through both trial and motion practice in state, federal, and appellate courts. Don routinely represents defendants in nationwide class actions involving various state and federal claims, including antitrust claims and claims brought under ERISA.

Don also represents primary and secondary mortgage lenders in repurchase, breach of contract, and RMBS litigation, serving as counsel for a prominent liquidating trust on cases involving national repurchase and indemnification matters. He has extensive experience representing parties in trust instruction proceedings (TIP actions) involving the approval and distribution of RMBS settlements and on other structured finance issues. He represents mortgage servicers in defending regulatory claims, including allegations involving claims under Dodd-Frank.

As a former State of Minnesota Assistant Attorney General in the Consumer Protection Division enforcing the State of Minnesota's fraud and unfair trade practices statutes, he brings unique perspective to his representation of clients in investigations and lawsuits brought by state and federal regulators.

Beyond his work in these areas, he also frequently represents physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and security officers in professional licensing investigations and other inquiries, including matters before the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings.

Education

- William Mitchell College of Law, 1998 (J.D.)
- Arizona State University, 1994 (B.S.)

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota, 1998

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation; Litigation – Antitrust, 2022-2027
- *Minnesota Lawyer,* Attorney of the Year Honoree, 2021
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers,* Law & Politics, 2018-2019
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers,* Rising Star, 2004 and 2009

Presentations and Publications

- "9 Strategies for Succeeding in Your Next Deposition," MCLE, 2014
- "Complying with Federal Mortgage Lending Laws: Mortgage Repurchase Litigation," MCLE, 2011
- "Facing an Allegation – What to do if the Board of Medical Practice Calls," *Minnesota Physician*, 2008
- "Corporation Liability Under the Theories of Piercing the Corporate Veil and Alter Ego," MCLE, 2006
- "Health Care Coverage for Older Adults: Prescription Drugs and Other Issues," MCLE, 2003

Related Experience

- RMBS Litigation: *In re RFC & ResCap Liquidating Trust*.
- Business Litigation / Breach of Contract: *BVS, Inc. v. CDW Direct, LLC*.
- Mortgage Repurchase Litigation: *GMAC Mortgage, LLC v. Southport Bank*.
- Business Litigation / Breach of Contract: *TCF v. Market Intelligence, Inc.*
- Mortgage Repurchase Litigation: *Residential Funding Co. v. Terrace Mortgage Co.*
- Mortgage Regulatory Litigation: *Kohout v. Homecomings Financial, LLC*.
- Mortgage Regulatory Litigation: *Beukes v. GMAC Mortgage, LLC*.
- Mortgage Regulatory Litigation: *Swanson v. GMAC Mortgage, LLC*.
- Business / Commercial Litigation: *Tapemark Co. v. E-Z Cleaners, LLC*.
- Mortgage Regulatory Litigation: *Koenen v. Homecomings Financial, LLC*.
- Mortgage Regulatory Litigation: *Hilburn v. Homecomings Financial, LLC*.
- Mortgage Repurchase Litigation: *Residential Funding Co., LLC v. Prysma Lending Group, LLC*.
- Mortgage Regulatory Litigation: *Schemionek v. Deutsche Bank Trust Co.*
- Mortgage Repurchase Litigation: *Residential Funding Company, LLC v. HTFC Corp.*
- Professional Licensing / Real Estate: *In re License of Maneval*.
- Business Litigation / Mortgage and FDCPA: *Labore v. J.P. Morgan Chase Bank*.
- Employment Litigation: *El Sherif v. Allina Hospitals & Clinics*,
- Business Litigation / Property Dispute: *Ingersoll v. Rolf*.
- Employment Litigation: *Privette v. SPX Corp.*
- Professional Licensing / Chiropractor: *In re License of Judy C. Thompson, C.*
- Criminal Appeal: *State v. Selix*.
- Criminal Appeal: *State v. Hansen*.
- Employment Litigation / Age Discrimination: *Farris v. Exotic Rubber & Plastics of Minnesota, Inc.*