



## JEVON C. BINDMAN

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### OVERVIEW

Litigator Jevon Bindman works with clients in a range of industries, with a focus on assisting policyholders in insurance coverage disputes and representing stakeholders in construction and real estate matters, as well as appeals.

Jevon excels at resolving legal claims in motion practice early in the litigation process, which saves his clients money and, even more importantly, time. Cases are often won and lost by the quality of a party's written briefs, with many issues decided at the motion practice stage, making persuasive legal writing an essential element of any party's litigation strategy. Jevon has significant experience in leveraging motion practice and procedure throughout the litigation process, from early motions to dismiss to post-trial motions and appellate argument.

Jevon's writing and advocacy has recently led to the following successes on behalf of his clients:

- Summary judgment in a property owner's favor in a challenge of a municipality's unlawful zoning and planning decisions;
- Dismissal of claims alleging fraud and unfair business practices and award of attorneys' fees for a client in the medical industry;
- Affirmance on appeal of a successful defense verdict in a commercial case in which the plaintiff sought more than \$20 million in alleged lost-profit damages; and
- Dismissal of all claims in a shareholder dispute due to lack of jurisdiction.

Jevon also appears frequently before Minnesota and federal appellate courts. Appellate practice requires a thorough knowledge of applicable standards of review to identify reversible legal issues, and a strong writing background to persuade judicial panels that the lower court got it right or wrong. Jevon's strong experience in these areas make him a "go-to" appellate lawyer.

Jevon has established himself as a thought leader in the Minnesota legal community. He co-authors four volumes of the Minnesota

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation

- Appeals
- Business Litigation
- Competitive Practices & Antitrust
- Construction & Real Estate Litigation
- Insurance Coverage Litigation

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

U.S. District Court

- Minnesota
- W.D. Michigan

U.S. Court of Appeals

- Eighth Circuit
- Sixth Circuit
- Fifth Circuit

### EDUCATION

William Mitchell College of Law  
J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2014

Michigan State University  
Master of Music, 2007

Cornell University  
B.A., *cum laude*, 2005

Music

Honors: Cornell Tradition Fellowship

Practice Series—the seminal treatise on Minnesota law and procedure—including the *Minnesota Handbook of Courtroom Evidence* and *Civil Rules Annotated*. Jevon is a member of the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Civil Procedure, and he is active as a speaker on court rules, appellate practice, and insurance coverage. He also regularly posts on LinkedIn regarding legal writing and courtroom practice.

Believing firmly in the importance of pro bono service, Jevon volunteers at the Minnesota State Law Library Appeals Clinic, and he was a member of the Maslon team that successfully vacated Douglas Tyrone Armstrong's death sentence on a post-trial habeas corpus appeal. Additionally, Jevon reversed a criminal conviction in the Court of Appeals on the basis that evidence was obtained in violation of the client's constitutional rights.

Jevon is also active in his community. He is a governing member of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and a founder of Arts Roseville, which seeks to advance local arts and creativity. Before joining Maslon, Jevon served as a law clerk to the Honorable G. Barry Anderson of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Prior to law school he was a middle and high school choir teacher. In his spare time he enjoys singing, biking, and performing home renovations.

## SELECTED EXPERIENCE

### *Appellate and Motion Practice:*

- *MCDC Penn Lake LLC v. City of Bloomington* (Minn. Dist. Ct. 2022): Won summary judgment and obtained reversal of municipal planning decision that restricted an owner's ability to develop its property.
- *Poultry Borderless Co. v. Froemming*, 2021 WL 354087 (D. Minn. Feb. 2, 2021): Obtained dismissal of federal lawsuit in closely held business dispute for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction.
- Obtained affirmance on appeal of a successful defense verdict in a commercial case in which the plaintiff sought more than \$20 million in alleged lost-profit damages.
- Obtained dismissal of claims alleging fraud and unfair business practices and award of attorneys' fees for a client in the medical industry.
- Obtained confirmation of arbitration award in disputes related to the largest solar project in Minnesota history, as well as affirmance on appeal.

### *Insurance Coverage:*

- Coverage counsel for design and material subcontractor for Las Vegas Raiders (Allegiant) Stadium.
- Obtained favorable settlement for HVAC contractor in dispute with general liability insurer.
- Obtained favorable settlement for steel fabricator in dispute with professional liability carrier for coverage of claims exceeding \$9 million.

### *Construction and General Litigation:*

- Obtained favorable jury verdict for large Minnesota manufacturer against former dealer seeking over \$20 million in lost-profit damages.
- Counsel for EPC contractor on claims related to the Aurora Solar Project—the largest solar project in Minnesota history.
- Counsel for the investigation of Monterrey Security, former security provider for the Minnesota Vikings.
- Counsel for large international structural engineering firm for claims related to design and construction of the \$1.1 billion U.S. Bank Stadium project—the largest construction project in Minnesota history.
- Counsel for the University of Minnesota for claims related to the \$110 million renovation of the Northrop Auditorium.
- Counsel for national utility manufacturer alleging deceptive trade practices and violations of the Lanham Act against a major competitor.

### *Pro Bono:*

- Successfully argued for the reversal of a pro bono client's criminal conviction in the Court of Appeals on the basis that evidence was obtained in violation of the client's constitutional rights.
- *Ex parte Armstrong* (Tex. Crim. App. 2017). Member of team of Maslon lawyers serving as pro bono counsel for Douglas Tyrone Armstrong, a Texas death row inmate convicted of capital murder in 2006. The team successfully secured the vacation of Armstrong's death sentence by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

## LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- Construction Lawyers Society of America: Associate Fellow; Member, Trial Law Institute; Member, Diversity Law Institute
- Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee: Rules of Civil Procedure 2022-present; Rules of Evidence 2017-2023
- Associated General Contractors of Minnesota: Contracts Committee
- Eighth Circuit Bar Association: CLE Committee
- St. Paul Chamber Orchestra: Governing Member
- Roseville Arts Council: Executive Council 2017-2019; Board of Directors 2017-2023
- Minnesota State Law Library Appeals Clinic: Volunteer since 2018
- Minnesota Justice Foundation: Board of Directors 2020-2022
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Minnesota Chorale: Member 2017-present

## SELECTED HONORS

- **Recognized on Minnesota Rising Stars list as part of the Super Lawyers® selection process**, 2022-2023 (*Minnesota Rising Stars is a designation given to only 2.5 percent of Minnesota attorneys each year, based on a selection process that includes the recommendation of peers in the legal profession.*)
- **Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch**, 2022-2024 (*These awards recognize attorneys, who are earlier in their careers, for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States.*)
- **Light of Justice Award**, Texas Defender Service, 2018
- **North Star Lawyer**, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2015-2022 (*North Star Lawyer is a designation that recognizes members who provide 50 hours or more of pro bono legal services in a calendar year.*)
- **Associate Fellow**, Construction Lawyers Society of America, 2022-present

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Cover Your Assets! Insurance Tips, Tricks, and Traps for Offsite Construction," World of Modular Annual Convention and Tradeshow, Modular Building Institute, 2024
- "Managing New Requirements Under Minnesota and Federal Rules," co-presenter, Civil Litigator's Annual Update, Minnesota CLE, 2024
- "Social Media Evidence," co-presenter, Minnesota Annual Conference of Judges, 2023
- "Construction Contracts," co-presenter, Associated General Contractors of Minnesota, 2023
- "Minnesota Rules of Evidence: Social Media Evidence," co-presenter, Minnesota CLE, 2023
- Erica Holzer Chairs 2023 Civil Litigator's Annual Update Seminar for Minnesota CLE; Jevon Bindman and Jeremy Krahn Present Session
- "Managing New Requirements Under Minnesota and Federal Rules," co-presenter, Civil Litigator's Annual Update, Minnesota CLE, 2023
- Jevon Bindman and Erica Holzer Present at the 2023 Appellate Practice Institute for Minnesota CLE
- "For Appellate Attorneys, the Generalist Is the Best Specialist," moderator, Appellate Practice Institute, Minnesota CLE, 2023

- "Cover Your Assets! Construction Insurance Tips, Tricks, & Traps," co-presenter, Minnesota Construction Summit, Associated General Contractors of Minnesota, 2023
- "Are We Covered? A Discussion on New Insurance Issues in the Construction Industry," North American Construction Law Symposium, Construction Lawyers Society of America, 2022
- Peter Doely and Jevon Bindman Present CLE on New Insurance Issues in the Construction Industry for MSBA
- Melissa Muro LaMere, Jevon Bindman, and Carly Johnson Present at Seminar on the New *Minnesota Litigation Forms Deskbook*
- "It's Been a Privilege: New Rules Create Privilege Risk," co-presenter, Association of Corporate Counsel-Minnesota, CLE Program, 2022
- Erica Holzer Chairs Civil Litigator's Update Course for Minnesota CLE; Jevon Bindman Presents on New State and Federal Rules
- "New Minnesota and Federal Rules," 2022 Civil Litigator's Update, Minnesota CLE
- "Foundations of Evidence: Social Media Evidence," webinar, Minnesota CLE, 2021
- "The Trouble with Eyewitness Testimony," Minnesota State Law Library, 2021
- "New Minnesota and Federal Rules," 2021 Civil Litigators Update, Minnesota CLE, 2021
- "Wait wait . . . please tell me! — A Legal Ethics CLE Quiz Program," 2020
- "New Minnesota and Federal Rules," 2020 Civil Litigator Update, Minnesota CLE, 2020
- "Foundations of Evidence: Social Media Evidence," webinar, Minnesota CLE, 2019
- "New Minnesota and Federal Rules," Civil Litigator's Annual Short Course, Minnesota CLE, 2019
- "New Minnesota and Federal Rules," The 2018 Civil Litigator's Annual Short Course, Minnesota CLE, 2018
- "New Minnesota & Federal Rules – Including a New Timing Rule," The 2017 Civil Litigator's Annual Short Course, Minnesota CLE, 2017
- "New Federal and State Rules – Including the New Federal E-Discovery Rules," The 2016 Civil Litigator's Annual Short Course, Minnesota CLE, 2016

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Featured in Episode 62 of "Inside Modular," the podcast of commercial modular construction.
- *Courtroom Handbook of Minnesota Evidence*, co-author, Thomson West, 2024
- *Elements of an Action*, Vol. 28, 28A, & 28B, Minnesota Practice Series, co-author, Thomson West, 2023
- "Construction law: updated indemnification and wage theft rule," *Bench & Bar*, 2023
- "Social Media Evidence," *Minnesota Courtroom Evidence Deskbook*, 3rd Edition, Minnesota CLE, 2023
- *General Rules of Practice Annotated*, Vol. 3A, Minnesota Practice Series, co-author, Thompson West, 2023
- It's a Mod Mod World: Insurance Risks for Modular Construction
- *Civil Rules Annotated*, Vols. 1, 1A, 2, & 2A, Minnesota Practice Series, co-author, Thompson West, 2023
- Featured in "Breaking the Ice: Maslon Attorney Specializes as a Generalist," *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2023
- *Courtroom Handbook of Minnesota Evidence*, co-author, Thomson West, 2023
- "For trial lawyers, the generalist is the best specialist," co-author, *Bench & Bar*, 2022
- *Elements of an Action*, Vol. 28, 28A, & 28B, Minnesota Practice Series, co-author, Thompson West, 2022
- "Post-Trial," co-author, *Minnesota Litigation Forms Deskbook*, Minnesota CLE, 2022
- "Nailing Two New Challenges in Minnesota Construction Contracting," co-author, *Finance & Commerce*, 2022
- "Equitable Recoupment: A Limited Remedy for Dealer or Franchise Terminations When Statutory Protection Is Absent," American Bar Association *Franchise Law Journal*, 2022
- "From Choir Director to Litigation Attorney: Why I'm Singing a New Tune," *Hennepin Lawyer* magazine, 2022
- "Access to Justice Pro Bono Spotlight: Jevon Bindman," Minnesota State Bar Association, 2022
- "Insurance Coverage for Negligent Construction and Defective Design," co-author, Construction Defects, Second Edition, American Bar Association, 2021
- "Social Media Evidence," co-author, *Minnesota Courtroom Evidence Deskbook*, Minnesota CLE, 2021
- "Summary of Eighth Circuit Appellate Procedure," co-author, Minnesota CLE, 6th ed. 2020

- "The Trouble With Eyewitness Testimony: Toward a model jury instruction on witness Accounts" co-author, *Bench & Bar of Minnesota*, January 2020
- *Minnesota Evidence Rules Summary Guide*, Minnesota CLE, 7th ed. 2019
- Chapter 15, "Social Media Evidence," Evidence Deskbook, Minnesota CLE, 2nd ed. (2018 and 2021 updates)
- "A Trap for the Unwary Contractor: The New AIA Insurance Exhibit and Its Most Confounding Requirements," co-author, ABA Forum on Construction Law, *Under Construction*, Vol. 19, No. 3, 2018
- "Impact of the 2015 FRCP Amendments on ediscovery in Minnesota," co-author, *minnlawyer.com*, January 9, 2017
- "The Spam Filter Ate My E-mail: When Are Electronic Records Received?" 39 *Wm. Mitchell L. Rev.* 1295 (2013)