



## JEVON C. BINDMAN

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### OVERVIEW

Jevon Bindman focuses his work on construction and appellate litigation as well as general commercial matters. He provides practical advice to help his clients navigate all phases of their construction projects, from contract negotiations to asserting or defending claims. He has represented owners, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, design professionals, and sureties in construction and design defect claims, delay and extra work claims, performance and payment bond claims, and mechanics liens.

Jevon has significant trial practice experience, having taken complex construction matters to jury verdict. He is skilled in all stages of pre-trial civil litigation, including leveraging written discovery and deposition testimony to improve settlement position, drafting successful dispositive motions to avoid trial risks, and working with expert witnesses. Jevon also regularly prosecutes appeals in the Eighth Circuit as well as in Minnesota appellate courts.

Jevon values pro bono service and regularly volunteers at the Minnesota State Law Library Appeals Clinic. He was a member of the Maslon team who successfully vacated Douglas Tyrone Armstrong's death sentence. Jevon also 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 active in his community and engaged with a range of legal and arts organizations. He is a member of the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Evidence, and is active as a speaker and presenter on the topics of evidence and the rules governing federal and Minnesota state courts. Additionally, Jevon is a governing member of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and a founder and board member 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 and performing home renovations.

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation

- Appeals
- Business Litigation
- Construction & Real Estate Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Government & Internal Investigations
- Insurance Coverage Litigation

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota, 2014

U.S. District Court

- Minnesota, 2015

U.S. Court of Appeals

- Eighth Circuit, 2017

### 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

## SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- 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 the University of Minnesota for claims related to the \$110 million renovation of the Northrop Auditorium.
- Counsel for national restaurant chain to defend claims of violations of Minnesota's tip pooling statute.
- Counsel for national utility manufacturer alleging deceptive trade practices and violations of the Lanham Act against a major competitor.
- *In re American Medical Systems, Inc.*, MDL No. 2325 (S.D. W. Va.). With a small team of Maslon litigators, defended consolidated federal court actions alleging multiple tort theories against American Medical Systems related to female mesh products.
- 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 major pharmaceutical company in lawsuit alleging failure to warn of adverse effects of over-the-counter medication.

### *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

- Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee: Rules of Evidence 2017-2020
- St. Paul Chamber Orchestra: Governing Member
- Roseville Arts Council: Executive Council 2017-2019; Board of Directors 2017-2019
- American Bar Association: Forum on Construction Law
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Minnesota State Law Library Appeals Clinic: Volunteer since 2018
- ABA Death Penalty Representation Project: Pro Bono Attorney Volunteer
- Minnesota Chorale: Member 2017-present
- Shir Tikvah Synagogue: Music Leader 2014-2016

## SELECTED HONORS

- **Light of Justice Award**, Texas Defender Service, 2018
- **North Star Lawyer**, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2015-2018 (*North Star Lawyer is a designation that recognizes members who provide 50 hours or more of pro bono legal services in a calendar year.*)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "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**

- "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 update)
- "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)