



## MICHAEL L. SHERAN

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### OVERVIEW

Mike Sheran is a trial lawyer who represents businesses in complex commercial disputes in the areas of corporate trust litigation, business torts, contract disputes, and non-competition and trade secret matters. He has successfully represented clients in state, federal, and appellate courts. Before entering the legal profession, Mike worked for several years as an institutional investment manager, where he advised pension funds and foundations on private equity investments and portfolio management.

Mike received his law degree, *summa cum laude*, from Mitchell Hamline School of Law, where he served as assistant editor and staff member of the *William Mitchell Law Review*. While in law school, Mike served as judicial extern to the Honorable Susan R. Nelson of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. Mike received his bachelor's degree in finance from Creighton University.

### SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- *In re: Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis* (Bankr. D. Minn. 2015). Assisted with the representation of the Committee of Parish Creditors, comprised of over 100 parishes facing hundreds of clergy abuse claims, in the Archdiocese Chapter 11 reorganization. Obtained tens of millions of dollars in insurance coverage settlements under missing insurance policies, which settlements were part of the \$210 million settlement of Archdiocese and Parish clergy abuse claims, and represented the largest settlement by a diocese in bankruptcy to date in the United States.
- Current counsel to corporate trustee in multiple litigations against major banks and mortgage originators regarding the breach of representations and warranties relating to residential mortgage-backed securitization trusts.
- *In re American Medical Systems, Inc.*, MDL No. 2325 (S.D. W. Va.). Defended consolidated federal court actions alleging

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation

- Appeals
- Business Litigation
- Corporate Trust Litigation
- Tort & Product Liability

Financial Services

- Corporate Trust Representation

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota, 2016

U.S. District Court

- Minnesota, 2017

U.S. Court of Appeals

- Eighth Circuit, 2017

### EDUCATION

Mitchell Hamline School of Law

J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2016

Honors: Dean's List

Creighton University, Heider College of Business

B.S.B.A., 2007

Finance

multiple tort theories against American Medical Systems related to female mesh products.

### **Pro Bono**

- Pro Bono litigation regarding copper-sulfide mining project – Member of team of Maslon lawyers providing pro bono counsel to environmental organizations in several related and complex challenges to a copper-sulfide mine project proposed to be built within the Lake Superior watershed and in close proximity to the Boundary Waters. Representative case: *In re NorthMet Project Permit to Mine Application Dated December 2017*, 959 N.W.2d 731 (Minn. 2021).

### **LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY**

- Maslon UPLIFT: Legal Institute for Teens
- American Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association

### **SELECTED HONORS**

- **Recognized on Minnesota Rising Stars list as part of the Super Lawyers® selection process, 2023-2025** (*Minnesota Rising Stars is a designation given to only 2.5% 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, 2023-2026** (*These awards recognize attorneys, who are earlier in their careers, for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States.*)
- **North Star Lawyer**, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2017 (*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**

- "The In-House Counsel's Guide to Noncompetes and Other Restrictive Covenants," moderator, Association of Corporate Counsel Minnesota, 2026

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

- "Unfair Trade Practices," co-author, *Business Disputes: Claims & Remedies Deskbook*, Minnesota CLE, 2025
- "Diverging Paths: The Minnesota Supreme Court's Decision to Reject the 'Plausibility' Pleading Standard in *Walsh v. U.S. Bank*," 41 *Wm. Mitchell L. Rev.* 1654 (2015)