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OVERVIEW

Leora Maccabee is a trial lawyer practicing primarily in the areas of general business and trust and estate litigation. In the business litigation side of her practice, she prides herself on offering exceptional legal service to businesses—from multimillion-dollar companies to startups—facing conflicts and challenges that at minimum threaten to distract from the products they are selling and services they are providing to our community, and at maximum are bet-the-company matters. Whether that means going to court or engaging in mediation, she represents her clients aggressively, intelligently, and effectively, and with a keen eye towards their business needs. As a trust and estate litigator, Leora partners with other attorneys in Maslon's Estate Planning Group to handle contested matters in probate courts, representing her clients in disputes regarding the obligations of fiduciaries such as a trustees, executors, conservators, and guardians as well as the interpretation of testamentary instruments.

Leora was recognized as a 2016 40 Under 40 Honoree by *Minneapolis/ St. Paul Business Journal*, a 2015 Up & Coming Attorney by *Minnesota Lawyer*, and regularly on the Rising Stars and Top Woman Attorney lists by Super Lawyers®.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- Currently representing, as part of a team of attorneys, the former special administrator of the estate of an iconic musician with respect to the client's discharge from liability.
- Represented a bank/corporate trustee in litigation, as part of a team of attorneys, involving claims relating to a family trust and successfully obtained the client's full and complete discharge from liability in a negotiated settlement.
- *In re American Medical Systems, Inc.*, CV-11-3933 (Hennepin County District Court, Minnesota). With a small team of Maslon litigators, defended consolidated state court actions alleging multiple tort theories against American Medical Systems related to female mesh products.
- *Diana Foster and Mustang Innovations, LLC v. WestRock Company*. Successfully argued and, in partnership with colleague

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation

- Business Litigation
- Competitive Practices/Unfair Competition
- Construction & Real Estate Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Tort & Product Liability
- Trust & Estate Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

U.S. District Court

- Minnesota

U.S. Court of Appeals

- Eighth Circuit

EDUCATION

Northeastern University School of Law

J.D., 2009

Amherst College

B.A., *cum laude*, 2005

Martin Fallon, obtained summary judgment dismissing defamation, deceptive trade practices, and tortious interference case.

- *In re 35W Bridge Litigation*. Part of team representing design engineers for litigation following collapse of I-35W Bridge in Minneapolis; Represented client in multi-party lawsuit and helped obtain appellate court dismissal of a multimillion-dollar contribution claim as well as dismissal of the State's multimillion-dollar statutory claim for reimbursement under the Victim's Compensation Statute.

Pro Bono

- *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.
- Pro bono representation of low-income individuals during negotiations and trials in Housing Court, Family Court, Hennepin County District Court, and Minnesota Federal Court to help them obtain safe and secure housing, relief from unmanageable consumer debt obligations, and fair and just resolutions of marriage dissolutions.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- Jewfolk Media, Inc.: Founder; Board of Directors, President since 2010; TCJewfolk.com, Editor-in-Chief 2009-2012
- Minnesota Women Lawyers
- ABA Death Penalty Representation Project: Pro Bono Attorney Volunteer
- Volunteer Lawyers Network: Pro Bono Attorney Volunteer
- Twin Cities Cardozo Society
- Federal Bar Association – Minnesota Chapter
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association

SELECTED HONORS

- **Woman of Promise Award**, Minneapolis Jewish Federation's Pearl Society, 2019
- **Light of Justice Award**, Texas Defender Service, 2018
- **40 Under 40 Honoree**, *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal*, 2016
- **Up & Coming Attorney**, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2015
- **Recognized on Minnesota Rising Stars list as part of the Super Lawyers® selection process**, 2014-2019 (*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.*)
- **Top Women Attorneys in Minnesota® list**, 2015-2019 (*The annual edition of the Top Women Attorneys in Minnesota list features attorneys who received the highest point totals in the previous year's Minnesota Super Lawyers® and Rising Stars balloting, research, and blue ribbon review process.*)
- **2013 Arthur T. Pfefer Memorial Award**, Twin Cities Cardozo Society (for outstanding leadership and commitment to the Jewish and general community)
- **North Star Lawyer**, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2012, 2014-2018 (*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

- "What's New in Minnesota Unfair Trade Practices Law?" Business Disputes: Claims and Remedies, Minnesota CLE, 2015
- "E-Discovery: Practical Tips on Document Management, Preservation and Collection," webcast, Minnesota CLE, 2014
- "Introduction to Social Media: What Is It and Who Is Using It?" and "Using Social Media to Market Your Solo, Small Firm or Large Firm Practice", Social Media Revolution Course, Minnesota CLE, 2010
- "Strategies for Creating a Presence and Developing Business with Social Media", Solo & Small Firm Section, Ramsey County Bar Association, 2010

- "Websites, Online Marketing and Social Media", How to Start & Build a Successful Law Practice, Minnesota CLE, 2009
- "How to Web 2.0: Hands-On Guidance to Social Networking and New Technologies for IP Lawyers and Businesses," Intellectual Property Institute, Minnesota CLE, 2009

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- **Featured In:** "Breaking the Ice: Entrepreneurial spirit fuels litigation practice, Jewish community website," *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2018
- Chapter 6 "Unfair Trade Practices," co-author, *Business Disputes: Claims and Remedies Deskbook*, Minnesota CLE (2nd ed. 2015), updated 2019
- "Gemstones, ink cartridges and mattresses," co-author, *Minnesota Lawyer*, May 11, 2015
- "Ten Legal Writing Tips from Bryan Garner," *Minnesota Lawyer*, May 3, 2010
- "Online Budgeting for Young Lawyers," *Minnesota Lawyer*, Jan. 18, 2010
- "Uncluttering LinkedIn," *Lawyerist.com*
- "Legal Marketing Ethics in a Web 2.0 World," *Lawyerist.com*
- "Professional Facebook Privacy in Under Ten Minutes," *Lawyerist.com*