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OVERVIEW

Geoff Jarpe has represented plaintiffs and defendants in lawsuits and arbitrations for more than 49 years, in Minnesota and many other jurisdictions. Geoff has handled hundreds of cases throughout his career, most in a first-chair capacity. Over that span, he has tried securities fraud cases, FINRA arbitrations, corporate ownership and valuation disputes, director and officer liability and fiduciary duty cases, tort cases, contract cases, and a variety of real estate cases, including condemnation, ownership, zoning, and land use disputes. Geoff is a member and officer of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota. He has been board certified as a civil trial specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association and recognized as a board certified civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Board Certified Civil Trial Advocate, National Board of Trial Advocacy

Minnesota State Bar Association Board Certified Civil Trial Specialist

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- *Vohs v. Miller*, 323 F. Supp. 2d 972 (D. Minn. 2004)
- *Tuttle v. Lorillard Tobacco Co.*, 118 F. Supp. 2d 954 (D. Minn. 2000)
- *St. James Capital Corp. v. Pallet Recycling Associates of North America, Inc.*, 589 N.W.2d 511 (Minn. App. 1999)
- *Ferguson v. Michael Foods, Inc.*, 74 F. Supp. 2d 862 (D. Minn. 1999)
- *Hartzell Mfg., Inc. v. American Chemical Technologies, Inc.*, 899 F. Supp. 405 (D. Minn. 1995)
- *PJ Acquisition Corp. v. Skoglund*, 453 N.W.2d 1 (Minn. 1990)
- *Northern States Power Co. v. Minnesota Power and Light Co.*, 433 N.W.2d 157 (Minn. App. 1989)
- *Onan Corp. v. Industrial Steel Container Corp.*, 770 F. Supp. 490 (D. Minn. 1989); *aff'd*, 909 F.2d 511 (8th Cir. 1990); *cert. denied*, 489 U.S. 968 (1990)
- *Winter v. Skoglund*, 404 N.W.2d 786 (Minn. 1987)

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation

- Business Litigation
- Construction & Real Estate Litigation

Real Estate

- Condemnation & Eminent Domain

BAR ADMISSIONS

(Not admitted in Minnesota)

Wisconsin

U.S. Supreme Court

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School
J.D., 1969

University of Michigan

B.A., 1967

- *Midland Nat. Bank of Minneapolis v. Perranoski*, 299 N.W.2d 404 (Minn. 1980)
- *Freeborn County by Tuveson v. Bryson*, 210 N.W.2d 290 (Minn. 1973)

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- Minnesota State Bar Association: Civil Litigation Section
- Wisconsin State Bar Association: Civil Litigation Section
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- American Board of Trial Advocates: Minnesota Chapter, Board of Directors and Executive Committee; President 2015; Vice President 2014; Treasurer 2013; Secretary 2012
- Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota: Dean 2013; Secretary 2012; Treasurer 2011; Board of Directors 2009-2013
- University of Michigan Club of Twin Cities
- University of Michigan: Alumni Association

SELECTED HONORS

- **Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®**, 2008-2021
- **Recognized on Minnesota Super Lawyers® list**, inception-2021 (*Minnesota Super Lawyers® is a designation given to only 5 percent of Minnesota attorneys each year, based on a selection process that includes the recommendation of peers in the legal profession.*)
- **Senior Statesman in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business***, Litigation, Minnesota, 2017-2018
- **Recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business***, Litigation, Minnesota, 2011-2018
- **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.*)
- **Top 100 Minnesota Super Lawyers® list**, 2005, 2011
- ***Who's Who in America***
- **Law & Leading Attorneys**, *Minnesota Guidebook*
- **AV Preeminent**, Martindale-Hubbell®

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "The Vanishing Jury Trial," Torts, Litigation and Ethics III, Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota, Super Lawyers, and Minnesota State Bar Association, 2013