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Practice Groups

Complex Litigation

Overview

As the chair of the Complex Litigation Practice Group, Amanda focuses her practice on antitrust, product liability, and consumer protection cases in both class and mass actions.

Amanda is also committed to pro bono work. She was previously part of a team that represented a class of civilly committed sex offenders challenging the constitutionality of Minnesota's commitment statutes in *Karsjens, et al. v. Jesson* (D. Minn.). She was recognized by the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association with the "Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award" in 2011. Amanda has also been recognized as a North Star Lawyer for providing at least 50 hours of pro bono legal services in a calendar year to individuals in need.

Amanda is an active member of several bar associations serving both local and national areas of interest. She has served as a committee-chair for the Minnesota Women Lawyers Scholarship Fund as well as the liaison board member to the Hennepin County Bar Association. Amanda is currently serving as president of The Infinity Project, a group focused on mentoring women to increase diversity on the bench at the state and federal level.

In 2024, Amanda was selected as one of the Top Women in Law by *Minnesota Lawyer*. She has also been selected as one of *Minnesota Lawyer*'s Attorneys of the Year in 2017 and 2022 and named to the "Rising Stars" list from 2014 to 2019 and "Super Lawyers" list from 2021 to 2025 by *Super Lawyers*.

Amanda graduated magna cum laude from Gustavus Adolphus College with a B.A. in psychology and criminal justice. She earned her J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School. During law school, Amanda clerked for the Minnesota Tax Court. Upon graduating from law school, Amanda served as a law clerk for The Honorable Gordon Shumaker, Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Education & Admissions

Education

- University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., 2004
- Gustavus Adolphus College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2001

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Bar Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- Minnesota

Judicial Clerkships

- Minnesota Court of Appeals, The Honorable Gordon Shumaker, Judicial Law Clerk, 2004-2005

Experience

Representative Cases

- Amanda has been involved in many significant antitrust, consumer protection, and data breach complex litigations.
- She worked in the leadership group on a large antitrust class action brought against the NCAA on behalf of volunteer coaches, alleging that the NCAA's Volunteer Coach Rule unlawfully fixed salaries of certain coaches at NCAA Division I institutions throughout the United States in *Colon, et al. v. NCAA* (E.D. Cal.).
- In addition, she recently represented individuals seeking damages for hearing loss and other-related injuries due to the use of earplugs manufactured by 3M. Amanda helped lead the cases that were venued in Minnesota State Court and ultimately 3M settled with the over 250,000 claimants, including those who brought their cases in Minnesota cases, for over \$6 billion.
- Amanda was part of the litigation and trial team that represented Minnesota corn farmers against Syngenta, Inc. related to its marketing of certain GMO corn, in *In re Syngenta Litig.* (Minn.). This case settled on a nationwide basis for over \$1 billion.
- Additionally, Amanda was an integral part of the litigation team that represented individuals with Spring Fidelis heart leads against Medtronic in *In re Medtronic Inc. Sprint Fidelis Leads Prod. Liab. Litig.* (D. Minn.), alleging that the leads were defective. The case ultimately settled for over \$220 million.

Other Representative Cases

- *In re Medtronic, Inc., Implantable Defibrillators Prod. Liab. Litig.* (D. Minn.)
- *In re Asacol Antitrust Litig.* (D. Mass.)

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- *Ciofoletti, et al. v. Securian Financial Group, Inc.* (D. Minn.)
- *Reed, et al. v. Advocate Health Care, et al.*, 268 F.R.D. 573 (N.D. Ill. 2009)
- *In re: American Medical Systems, Inc. Pelvic Repair Systems Products Liability Litig.* (S.D.W.V.)
- *Pinsonneault v. St. Jude Medical, Inc., et al.* (D. Minn. 2013); *Houlette v. St. Jude Medical, Inc., et al.* (D. Minn.); *Rouse v. St. Jude Medical, Inc., et al.* (D. Minn.), 953 F. Supp. 2d 1006 (D. Minn. 2013)

Professional & Civic

Bar Associations

- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association

Professional Associations

- The Infinity Project
 - President, 2026-present
- American Association for Justice
- Minnesota Women Lawyers
 - Law Student Scholarship Committee, Co-Chair
 - Board Liaison to the Hennepin County Bar Association

Accolades

Honors & Awards

- Top Women in Law, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2024
- Attorney of the Year, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2017 and 2022
- Minnesota Super Lawyers list, *Super Lawyers*, 2021-present
- Minnesota Rising Stars list, *Super Lawyers*, 2014-2019
- North Star Lawyer, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2015 and 2020
- Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award, The *Pro Se* Project, Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, 2011