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Practice Groups

Business & Commercial

Construction & Real Estate

Professional Liability

Trust & Estate

Overview

Sara Wilson represents clients in both transactions and litigation, bringing particular depth to matters involving agribusiness and agriculture.

Her practice includes real estate, business, agribusiness and agriculture, trust and estate matters, and professional liability defense, including legal malpractice and accounting malpractice claims. She advises clients on complex real estate and business transactions, governance and succession planning, title, zoning, environmental, and financing issues, and disputes that call for practical judgment and strategic advocacy.

With her agribusiness and agriculture experience, Sara understands the legal and operational considerations that shape land use, commercial relationships, ownership transitions, and risk management. She also counsels families, fiduciaries, and other stakeholders in estate and trust matters, combining litigation experience with a thoughtful approach to planning and administration.

Sara's transactional work includes assisting clients with the purchase, sale, leasing, financing, and development of real estate; resolving title, zoning, and environmental issues; business formation, governance, and succession planning; and loan documentation for commercial lenders.

Sara also has significant experience in trust and estate matters, from litigating disputes to advising on estate plans and counseling families through estate and trust administration.

In professional liability defense cases, Sara defends attorneys and accountants in malpractice claims and related disputes, drawing on her litigation experience and practical understanding of professional standards, client service, and risk management.

Sara's background in the arts continues to inform her legal practice. Before becoming an attorney, she worked at the Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum as a Registrar, experience that required creativity, collaboration, precision, and careful project management. She brings those same qualities to her client work, helping clients navigate complex matters with organization, perspective, and a focus on practical outcomes.

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Education & Admissions

Education

- William Mitchell College of Law, J.D., 2000
- Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, Master of Public Affairs, 2017
- University of Minnesota, B.A., 1992

Bar Admissions

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

Experience

Seminars

- *Commercial Purchase Agreements – with Annotated Form*, presenter, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education Buying, Selling and Developing Commercial Property seminar, April 2026
- *5 Key Commercial Lease Issues for Landlords and Tenants*, presenter, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education The Business of Commercial Real Estate, June 2025
- *Five Important Negotiating Points in the Commercial Real Estate Purchase Agreement*, presenter, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education 2024 Real Estate Institute, October 2024
- *The Purchase Agreement – Part II, How to Draft a Commercial Real Estate Purchase Agreement*, presenter, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, August 2024
- *Agricultural Land*, presenter, Minnesota Continuing Legal Education The Complete Real Estate Lawyer seminar, June 2023

Professional & Civic

Bar Associations

- Minnesota State Bar Association
 - Real Property Law Section

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- Hennepin County Bar Association

Professional Associations

- Professional Liability Defense Federation

Civic Involvement

- Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, Board Member, 2017-2023
- Ballet Co.Laboratory, Founding Board Member

Accolades

Honors & Awards

- Top Lawyers list, *Minnesota Monthly*, 2025 and 2026
- Minnesota Super Lawyers list, *Super Lawyers*, 2025 and 2026