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Practice Groups

Business & Commercial

Professional Liability

Overview

Lauren Nuffort represents lawyers, health care providers, businesses, and individuals in complex civil litigation, with an emphasis on professional liability and high-exposure tort claims.

She defends lawyers in legal malpractice and professional responsibility matters, health care and long-term care providers in medical malpractice claims, and individuals and businesses in personal injury, wrongful death, premises liability, property damage, and other civil claims. Lauren takes a practical, strategic approach to litigation, evaluating risk early and developing focused strategies aligned with each client's goals. She guides clients through discovery, motion practice, mediation, trial preparation, and resolution.

Lauren is an active contributor to the legal community, regularly writing and presenting on litigation, professional responsibility, and insurance coverage-related issues. She is co-editor of the Minnesota Insurance Law Deskbook and serves on the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association Board of Directors and as a Council Member of the Minnesota State Bar Association Professionalism and Ethics Section.

Lauren was named the 2027 Minneapolis Lawyer of the Year for Professional Malpractice Law and Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants by *The Best Lawyers in America*®. She has also been recognized by Minnesota Super Lawyers and has received the President's Award from the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association. Clients value her clear communication, practical strategy, and steady guidance in high-stakes litigation.

Education & Admissions

Education

- William Mitchell College of Law, J.D., 2010
- St. Lawrence University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2006

Bar Admissions

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

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- Minnesota
- North Dakota

Experience

Publications

- *Minnesota Insurance Law Deskbook*, co-editor, Minnesota CLE, 5th Ed. Update, 2025
 - A comprehensive 26-chapter practice guide to Minnesota insurance coverage law, the Deskbook is used by practitioners addressing policy interpretation, insureds' duties, ethical considerations, and major coverages including homeowners, commercial general liability, professional liability, workers' compensation, fire and property, and cyber insurance.
- *Misrepresentation or Omission in Applications for Insurance*, author, Chapter 3 Update, and *Fire and Property Insurance*, author, Chapter 10 Update, Minnesota Insurance Law Deskbook, Minnesota CLE, 5th Ed. Update, 2025, 2023, and 2021
- *Tales From the Trenches From the Defense Perspective*, author, The View, Minnesota Lawyers Mutual, January 2021
- *A Systematic Approach: Defending Claims Involving Future Radiofrequency Neurotomy Treatments*, author, ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section newsletter, August 2020
- *When Attorneys Are Sued by Non-Clients: The Immunity and Privilege Rule*, author, Professional Liability Defense Quarterly, September 2019
- *Minnesota Amends its Rule of Professional Conduct Authorizing a Lawyer Admitted in Another Jurisdiction to Provide Legal Services in Minnesota*, author, June 2019
- *Assumption of Risk Doctrine Remains in Minnesota, but Held Not to Apply to Recreational Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding*, author, January 2019
- *Defending Claims Involving Future Radiofrequency Neurotomy Treatments*, author, For the Defense, October 2018
- *Minnesota OSHA Adopts Electronic Reporting Requirements for Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses*, author, June 2018
- *Construction Litigation: Lessons from the Trenches Part II*, author, Minnesota Construction Association, June 2018
- *North Dakota Supreme Court Sheds Light on Significant Consequences Unlicensed Contractors May Face*, author, April 2018
- *Department of Transportation Revised Employee Drug Testing Rules Effective January 1, 2018*, author, December 2017

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- *Minnesota OSHA Compliance: Does Your Business Need to Submit its 2016 Injury and Illness Data Electronically by December 15, 2017?*, author, December 2017
- *Wisconsin: Beware of the “Economic Waste” Doctrine and Its Potential to Limit Your Recovery in Breach of Contract Cases*, author, November 2017
- *Assembling Your Team: Managing Today’s Fire Investigation*, author, Subrogator, Spring/Summer 2016 (authored with Jessica Allen)
- *Paying it Forward: Approaching Mentorship as a New Lawyer*, co-author, Minnesota Defense, Winter 2015 (authored with Rachael Holthaus, Paul Shapiro and Peter Stiteler)
- *Recovering the Cost of Code Required Repairs*, co-author, Subrogator, Winter 2015 (authored with Jessica Allen)
- *Tips from the Trenches: How to Succeed as a Summer Associate and as a First-Year Associate*, co-author, Minnesota Defense, Winter 2014 (authored with Paul Shapiro)
- *The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008: Raising a Shield to Genetic Discrimination in Employment and Health Insurance*, author, 21 Health Law. 1, 2009

Seminars

- *Law Firm Life: Unfiltered*, co-presenter, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association Rising Leader Summit, September, 2026
- *Business Insurance Primer – Types, Coverages, and Key Policy Considerations*, presenter, Business Law Institute, May 2026
- *The Client File and Responding to Subpoenas*, moderator, Minnesota State Bar Association Professionalism and Ethics Section, July 2023
- *Property Appraisals: What’s New Since Poehler v. Cincinnati Insurance Company?*, presenter, Minnesota CLE Hot Topics in Insurance Law, April 2019
- *Misrepresentation or Omission in Applications for Insurance*, presenter, Minnesota CLE Insurance Law Essentials Webcast Series, October 2019
- *Managing Partners Panel: Leading and Succeeding*, panelist, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association Women in the Law Committee, September 2018
- *Attention Zealous Advocates: Don’t Forget Your Shield - Protecting Your Practice and Avoiding Traps in Legal Ethics and Malpractice Claims*, presenter, Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association 2018 Trial Techniques Seminar, August 2018

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- *Construction Litigation: Lessons from the Trenches Part II*, presenter, Minnesota Construction Association, June 2018
- *Negligence and Evidence: From a Recovery and Liability Perspective*, presenter, Sedgwick Claims Management Services, June 2017

Professional & Civic

Bar Associations

- Minnesota State Bar Association
 - Professionalism and Ethics Section, Council Member
 - Health Law Section
- State Bar Association of North Dakota
- Hennepin County Bar Association

Professional Associations

- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
 - Board of Directors
 - Medical Liability and Health Care Law Committee
- Professional Liability Defense Federation
- DRI

Civic Involvement

- Allina Health Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, volunteer
 - *Lauren teaches adaptive downhill skiing to children and young adults with physical disabilities.*

Accolades

Honors & Awards

- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
 - President's Award, 2018
 - Deb Oberlander Young Lawyer Award, 2015
- *The Best Lawyers in America*
 - Minneapolis Professional Malpractice Law-Defendants Lawyer of the Year, 2027
 - Minneapolis Legal Malpractice Law-Defendants Lawyer of the Year, 2027

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- Professional Malpractice Law-Defendants, Legal Malpractice Law-Defendants, Insurance Litigation, Construction Law, Construction Litigation, 2024-present
- Top Lawyers list, *Minnesota Monthly*, 2025 and 2026
- Minnesota Super Lawyers list, *Super Lawyers*, 2025-present
- Minnesota Rising Stars list, *Super Lawyers*, 2019-2024