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Lee Bennin is an associate in HAWES-KM's Civil Litigation group practicing in the areas of:

- Product Liability Defense
- Transportation Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Related Litigation
- Appellate Litigation

Determined to find effective and practical solutions to difficult issues, Lee helps clients by never losing sight of the big picture. He employs a critical approach to develop well-rounded strategies and provides a tailored service to meet his clients' needs and goals. Lee gives clients his utmost attention, keeps an open line of communication, and thoroughly counsels clients about their options.

Lee is licensed in Minnesota state courts and the U.S. District Court for Minnesota. He received his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of St. Thomas School of Law, where he earned Dean's Awards for Civil Pretrial Litigation and Criminal Procedure I. He also served as the articles editor of the *University of St. Thomas Law Journal*. Lee participated in an intellectual property moot court competition for two years during law school, advancing to the national round of competition both years and earning the regional best-brief award in 2018. He obtained his B.S. in Criminal Justice, *magna cum laude* from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

Lee worked as a law clerk at HAWES-KM during law school, where he gained experience in persuasive brief-writing, civil motion practice, legal research and analysis, and case management. After law school, Lee clerked for the Honorable Matthew E. Johnson, John R. Rodenberg, and Diane B. Bratvold of the Minnesota Court of Appeals. This appellate clerkship helped Lee further hone his writing and analysis skills and develop a robust understanding of the appellate process. This solid foundation of legal experience allows Lee to assist clients through all phases of litigation.

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In addition, Lee served six years in the United States Army Reserves as a civil affairs sergeant acting as a liaison between civil affairs teams and military intelligence. He is a two-time Army Achievement Medal recipient. In his free time, Lee enjoys spending time with friends and family, being active outdoors, and exploring new restaurants and breweries. Currently, he coaches the University of St. Thomas team to the Giles Sutherland Rich Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition.

Practice Areas

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- Appellate Law

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for Minnesota
- Iowa

Honors

Giles Sutherland Rich Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition

- Coach, 2020 - Present
- Regionals: Second Place; Nationals: Sixth Place, 2019
- Regionals: First Place, Best Brief Appellant and Appellee; Nationals: Eighth Place, 2018