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Mark has a far-reaching complex business litigation practice in which he represents manufacturers, medical device companies, banks, railroads and other clients in a wide variety of matters including trade secrets, product liability, employment and contract disputes.

Mark's recent work includes:

- Secured an arbitration award of over \$70 million in a royalty dispute
- Obtained an arbitration award of approximately \$2.5 million in a royalty dispute
- Second chaired a jury trial resulting in a defense verdict in a wrongful death case
- Defending and counseling medical device manufacturers with respect to independent sales representative termination issues
- Protecting the interests of manufacturers in the firearms, construction equipment, and other industries against product liability suits
- Representing clients in complex commercial real estate and landlord/tenant disputes

Mark's work also includes litigating disputes among manufacturers, dealers, and distributors involving termination, nonpayment and competition, and defending banks and other financial institutions against consumer claims brought under state and federal consumer protection laws, including class actions.

Known as practical and objective, Mark counsels clients seeking to implement policies and procedures designed to reduce litigation risk. When litigation is unavoidable, Mark is a credible and results-oriented advocate in court and arbitration.

Services

- Litigation
- Financial Services Industry
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- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- E-Discovery
- Product Liability & Mass Torts
- IP Litigation
- Trade Secrets & Restrictive Covenants
- Retail Industry

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox, Mark was a partner at Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP. During law school, he was a member of the Order of the Coif and was editor-in-chief of the Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems journal.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Mark provides pro bono services to the Children's Law Center of Minnesota, which helps children in foster care tackle various legal challenges. He also serves on the Benefactor's Board of the Volunteer Lawyers Network (VLN), a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to using the power of volunteers to protect and enforce the legal rights of low-income Minnesotans.

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- Iowa

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law (J.D., *with highest distinction*, 2005)
 - Order of the Coif
- University of Iowa (B.S.)
 - Environmental Science

Memberships

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

Board of Directors

- Children's Law Center of Minnesota
- Volunteer Lawyers Network Benefactor's Board

Honors & Awards

- Named a "North Star Lawyer" by *The Minnesota State Bar Association* (2012-2014, 2016, 2017)
- Named a "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2008-2009, 2015-2017)
- Recipient, Oppenheimer Pro Bono Award (2005)
- Recipient, Oppenheimer Community Service Award (2011)



Representative Matters

- Obtained summary judgment in arbitration in favor of medical device manufacturer dismissing former independent sales representative's claim under the Minnesota Termination of Sales Representative Act using a novel defense
- Successfully resolved commission dispute between medical device manufacturer and terminated sales representative
- Represented a small medical device manufacturer in patent license dispute with a larger competitor
- Won a hotly contested forum fight for a class-one railroad embroiled in a dispute with a major customer over unpaid rail charges and claims regarding shipping delays
- Represented a family business in an international business dispute spanning four continents and involving claims of conversion and fraud
- Leveraged a favorable settlement on behalf of North American manufacturer by forcing its former supplier in China to pursue its claims for wrongful termination in federal court rather than in arbitration
- Defended a variety of manufacturers and employers against asbestos torts
- Successfully replevined construction equipment from defaulting contractor
- Obtained a \$1.8 million judgment on behalf of a domestic manufacturer against a Spanish distributor for breach of contract
- Secured dismissal of product liability claims based on federal preemption on behalf of a medical device manufacturer
- Obtained summary judgment in state court dismissing a misappropriation of trade secrets claim against a *Fortune* 1000 technology company
- Defended consumer class actions involving the mortgage industry in state and federal courts in Minnesota, Louisiana and Michigan
- Secured an order dismissing FDCPA and unjust enrichment claims before class certification against a national mortgage servicer
- Represented a *Fortune* 500 national bank in a class action alleging excessive attorneys' fees in residential mortgage
- Argued a case to the Minnesota Court of Appeals establishing that the standard of proof required to obtain an order for protection from domestic abuse is "preponderance of the evidence," not clear and convincing evidence
- Provided pro bono representation to Minnesotans seeking criminal expungement to secure more favorable housing and employment
- Secured orders for protection against pro bono clients who were victims of domestic abuse