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Thomas E. Harms is a commercial attorney who practices both in the areas of commercial litigation, insurance regulation, and general business fields. Mr. Harms' litigation practice has involved a wide diversity of complex commercial litigation on both the plaintiff and defense side of disputes. Among the matters handled by Mr. Harms includes (a) representation of a national plaintiff class in the successful resolution of antitrust claims against major manufacturers in the paper industry, (b) the successful representation of defendants against anti-trust claims in the bulk popcorn industry, (c) representation of the Resolution Trust Corporation in the successful prosecution of major claims arising from the failure of Midwest Federal Savings and Loan Association, and, (d) representation at the request of the Minnesota Commerce Department of four Minnesota regulated entities in the workers' compensation insurance industry in the successful pursuit of claims against American International Group (AIG).

Mr. Harms litigation practice has also involved a wide variety of other claims covering diverse issues of liability and damages, including contract and commercial rights, statutory interpretation, intellectual property and patent rights, business rights, and professional liability claims.

Mr. Harms' general commercial practice concentrates on legal matters impacting business corporations, banks and regulated industries. His corporate work involves primarily issues facing mid-sized corporations in such areas as product development and marketing, financing, risk management and insurance coverage issues, employment issues, and mergers and acquisitions.

Former Affiliations

Leonard Street and Deinard – *associate*

Hessian & McKasy, P.A – *partner and principal*

Moss & Barnett, P.A. – *partner and member of the Board of Directors*

Bar Admissions:

Minnesota

District of Columbia (retired)

U.S. Court of Appeals 8th Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Tax Court

Education:

Juris Doctor *University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, KS, 1973. Honors: Order of the Coif*

Bachelor of Arts *University of Iowa, 1970*