

Kathleen Finnegan

Senior Attorney

Kathleen Finnegan is a litigation attorney who delivers a strategic, business-minded approach to high-stakes disputes. With nearly two decades of legal experience, she partners with clients to rigorously evaluate risk, develop pragmatic solutions, and position cases for optimal outcomes—whether through decisive early resolution or at trial. Kathleen is known for her ability to quickly distill complex legal and factual issues into clear, actionable strategies that align with her clients' broader business and litigation objectives.



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More About Kathleen

Kathleen's practice is uniquely informed by her leadership roles across government, private practice, and the C-suite. She began her career in complex civil litigation before serving as an Assistant Ramsey County Attorney, where she managed cases from inception through resolution with significant autonomy. In that role, she built a formidable foundation in discovery, motion practice, depositions, and courtroom advocacy, developing a disciplined and strategic approach to litigation.

Kathleen's perspective was further shaped during her tenure as General Counsel for the Minnesota Department of Commerce, where she advised on enforcement actions, regulatory compliance, and enterprise risk management across highly regulated industries, including insurance and financial services. She worked closely with agency leadership to navigate complex legal frameworks and advance strategic enforcement priorities.

This rare combination of trial-ready experience and executive leadership allows Kathleen to view disputes through a dual lens. She understands both the nuances of the law and the practical realities of business operations, enabling her to craft efficient, cost-conscious strategies tailored to each client's goals. Kathleen works closely with clients, experts, and internal stakeholders to develop cohesive case strategies and ensure alignment from early case assessment through resolution.

Practice Areas

- Aviation Litigation
- Product Liability Defense
- Transportation
- Insurance Related Litigation

Licenses

- State of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

Education

- J.D., William Mitchell College of Law
- M.P.A., University of Minnesota
- B.A., Colgate University

Outside of the Office

Outside of the office, Kathleen enjoys traveling and immersing herself in the music, food, and culture of new places, especially alongside her loved ones. At home, life is just as active; you can usually find her outdoors with her family, enjoying a day on the lakes and rivers or spending time on the ball field. She finds great joy in supporting her family's passions and rarely misses an opportunity to cheer them on at a baseball, football, or softball game.