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Brett Larsen is an experienced litigator with a practice focused on general civil and commercial litigation in state and federal courts, including contract or employment disputes and a wide range of products liability, toxic torts, creditors' rights, and insurance coverage matters.

Professional Background

Brett joined Hinshaw as an associate in May 2007. Previously he was a summer associate with the firm in 2006, and a law clerk in 2007. He spent the summer of 2007 as a Public Service Special Prosecutor for the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office, where he gained substantial trial experience. As a prosecutor, he was the lead attorney for the State of Wisconsin in eight jury and court trials as well as in numerous evidentiary hearings.

During law school, Brett worked as a research assistant in international law for Professor Andrea K. Schneider. In addition to his other law school accomplishments, Brett was a member of the Dean's List and a participant in the Marquette Moot Court Program. He was a recipient of the Law Alumni Scholarship and was Secretary of the Environmental Law Society.

Prior to his legal career, Brett was a newspaper reporter.

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Milwaukee Bar Association
- Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association

Honors & Awards

- Recognized as a "Rising Star" for Wisconsin by *Super Lawyers* magazine, 2015 – 2017

Representative Matters

- Drafted evidentiary motions and assisted in executing a defense strategy in a design defect trial in which a plaintiff sought \$27 million, but recovered

Practices

Commercial Litigation
Complex Tort & General Casualty
Professional Liability

Industries

Health Care
Health Care Defense
Insurance & Reinsurance
Insurance Coverage

Education

J.D., Marquette University Law School, 2007

- Member, *Marquette Law Review*, 2005 – 2006
- Senior Note & Comment Editor, *Marquette Law Review*, 2006 – 2007

B.A., Communications/Print Journalism, Brigham Young University, 2002

- Sports Editor, *The Daily Universe*

Admissions

Arizona

Wisconsin

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona

U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin



nothing, from an automobile manufacturer.

- Researched and helped implement a litigation plan that allowed an insulation manufacturer to resolve a \$13 million trademark and false advertising case for less than the cost of defense.
- Drafted and successfully argued a motion for summary judgment dismissing tortious interference with contract claims against a warehousing and logistics company totalling \$1.4 million.
- Took depositions of plaintiffs seeking \$1.1 million in lost profits arising from an alleged construction defect and used their testimony as the basis for a successful motion dismissing their claim against a contractor in its entirety.

Presentations

- "Federal Court from Start to Finish," National Business Institute, Webinar, November 2017
- "Federal Litigation 101: Expert Witness Testimony Under the Federal Rules of Evidence," National Business Institute, Webinar, August 2015

Publications

- "No Closer to Clarity: The Establishment Clause and the Supreme Stumble in *Van Orden v. Perry*," *Marquette Law Review*, Fall 2006

Community/Civic Activities

- Marquette Legal Clinic, Volunteer
- Ukraine, Full-Time Volunteer, 1997 – 1999