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Allen Saeks concentrates his practice in commercial and business litigation, including bankruptcy litigation, bank litigation, legal malpractice defense, trust and estate litigation, white collar crime, and professional disciplinary proceedings. His substantial experience in bankruptcy litigation arises out of his handling of various real estate developments and creditor claims arising from Ponzi schemes, including the defense of Ponzi scheme clawback claims. In addition, he has handled shareholder disputes in closely held corporations. Recently, he represented a prominent family in complex shareholder litigation in Minnesota federal court, and more recently obtained a judgment for more than \$26 million against a Florida real estate developer in a federal court in Florida. Allen has also represented defendants in complex hostile takeover litigation and has successfully defended major financial institutions and their officers. Most recently, he has handled a large family trust litigation in Minnesota federal district court, and prevailed in a large, contentious fraud case in South Dakota. Allen is certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association and is a past chair of the firm's Commercial Litigation practice group.

Allen has been recognized by a number of third-party and peer-group publications. He has been named among *The Best Lawyers in America* in commercial litigation, trusts and estates litigation, bankruptcy litigation and professional malpractice defense. He has also been selected for inclusion in *Super Lawyers*® in business litigation.

Allen has been a frequent CLE lecturer on various litigation subjects, including law firm breakups, ADR and, more recently, ethics. He has also provided the ethics commentaries to the *Civil Practice Deskbook* published by Minnesota State Bar CLE. In 2009, he was appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court as chair of a committee to evaluate the disciplinary system in Minnesota.

In 1996, he received both the Law Day Testimonial Award for his pro bono contributions to legal aid and the City of Minneapolis Award for community service. In 2009 he received both the *Minnesota Lawyer* 2008 Attorney of the Year Award and the Professionalism Award from the Hennepin County Bar Association. He is listed in *Who's Who in American Law* and *Who's Who in America*.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association (Litigation Section)
- Federal Bar Association



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- Minnesota State Bar Association
 - Hennepin County Bar Association (president 1983-1984)
 - Co-founder, Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society

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EDUCATION

J.D., University of Minnesota Law School, 1956
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B.S., Law, University of Minnesota, 1954

ADMISSIONS

- Minnesota Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- Seventh, Eighth, Eleventh and Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals
- U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
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