

Claire Pritchard-Gutknecht

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Claire provides counseling, litigation, and investigative services by cultivating deep client partnerships, delivering practical, business-focused solutions built on trust and a strong understanding of each client's goals.

Claire is a labor and employment attorney who partners with clients to deliver practical, business-focused solutions through multi-jurisdictional counseling, single-plaintiff and wage-and-hour litigation, and complex workplace investigations. Claire helps employers navigate complex and evolving employment laws, mitigate risk, and respond effectively to disputes with clear, strategic guidance. By building trusted relationships and understanding each client's operations and goals, Claire provides proactive advice and strong advocacy that supports compliance, resolves issues efficiently, and positions clients for long-term success.

Select Experience

- Successful resolution of numerous EEOC and state agency charges involving retaliation and race, gender, age, and disability discrimination.
- Successful completion of workplace investigations involving allegations of the abuse of minors by athletic coaches.
- Settlement of multiple single-plaintiff employment discrimination cases for nuisance value.

Court Admissions

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

Clerkships

- Minnesota Supreme Court, Hon. Anne K. McKeig, 2022–2023
- Minnesota Court of Appeals, Hon. Diane B. Bratvold, 2021–2022

Education

- Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D., 2021)
 - *summa cum laude*
 - Commencement Speaker
 - Mitchell Hamline Fellow
- University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire (B.A., Psychology and Criminal Justice, 2016)
 - *cum laude*
 - Donna C. Turell Award recipient

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- Nebraska

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Cretin Derham Hall Gymnastics Coach