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Dan's practice areas include a broad variety of complex commercial litigation, including arbitration, and state and federal court litigation.

Dan has been a member of Dorsey's commercial litigation group for more than 25 years. Dan has litigated and arbitrated a wide variety of cases, including in Minnesota, New York, Alaska, Texas, North Carolina, Washington, D.C., and even before the Permanent Court of Arbitration for the United Nations.

Among Dan's specialties, he has provided legal advice to policyholders for more than two decades, assisting in placing insurance, analyzing coverage, negotiating resolutions with insurers, and litigating and arbitrating coverage disputes. Dan has dealt with essentially existing type of every type of commercial policy and takes pride in maximizing policy returns with cost-effective strategies that receive results.

When Dan is not focusing on insurance, Dan also specializes in litigation and arbitration in commercial (UCC) settings, agricultural industry agreements and disputes, international M&A workout disputes, as well as a full-service general litigation practice.

Dan prides himself in being a forceful and aggressive litigator, and is included in the publication of Best Lawyers in America 2026 edition for commercial litigation and insurance litigation. Dan also prides himself in being a prudent and conscientious counselor, willing to provide straightforward advice about when to fight, and how to leverage for the best, most prompt result.

Select Experience

- Both court and jury trial experience in multi-million dollar cases
- Complex arbitration proceedings for both respondents and claimants, obtaining, in one case, an award amounting to more than \$35 million, and defending claims for liability totaling hundreds of millions of dollars

Education

- University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 1998)
 - Selected Order of the Coif, Honors
 - Received a Darrow Scholarship - Michigan's only merit scholarship
- University of Wisconsin (B.S., Political Science and Behavioral Science and Law, 1995)
 - with Honors Degrees, Dean's Prize, Senior Honors Thesis of Distinction, Jefferson Davis Constitutional Law Award, Truman Scholarship Nominee, Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

- Protecting contract rights, and enforcing the benefit of the bargain in numerous commercial contexts, including insurance coverage, licenses, purchase agreements
- Ending class action lawsuits on motion practice before trial, and in some cases even before discovery

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, Insurance Litigation, 2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024, 2026
- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Team Award (Rebuilding Our Community Webinar Series), 2021
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2014, 2016, 2019-2020
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*, "Rising Star," 2004, 2006, 2012-2013

Insights

March 17, 2020

Dorsey Partner Dan Brown Comments on Breach of Contract Amid COVID19

March 12, 2020

Ten Tips for Safeguarding Against Contract Performance Risks Related to COVID-19

March 12, 2020

Chemical Industry Update - March 2020