

Edward B. Magarian

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Ed is a trial attorney with a national practice who partners with clients on complex civil litigation brought both by private parties and the government. He investigates and, where necessary, defends allegations of criminal and regulatory violations; prosecutes and defends claims involving theft of trade secrets and misappropriation of assets and corporate raiding; and defends or prosecutes claims before FINRA, AAA, and other venues. Ed's commitment to client service is 24/7 because the issues his clients confront are not restricted by the clock.

Ed's practice includes clients in various industries such as banking, insurance, securities, health care, energy, education, hospitality, franchise, government contractors, food and agriculture, among others.

Ed served on the firm's Policy Committee (Board of Directors) from June 2015 until June 2023, and as chair of the Committee for his last two years. Ed also served as chair of the firm's Professional Personnel Committee until 2016.

Select Experience

- Represent HMO in RFP disputes over State health care programs
- Represent clients in litigation regarding confidential information and trade secrets, nonsolicit/noncompetes provisions, Broker Protocol and employee raiding
- Represent clients in complex commercial litigation, including, for example, class actions, and false claims act cases
- Represent clients in industry related FINRA Arbitrations

Court Admissions

- Federal District Court for the District of Minnesota
- Federal District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin
- Federal District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 1989)
 - *magna cum laude*;
Order of the Coif;
Senior Editor, 1988-1989, Member, 1987-1989,
Georgetown Law Journal
- Georgetown University (B.A., Government, 1986)
 - *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Chair of Dorsey & Whitney's Policy Committee (Board of Directors), June 2021 to present; Member of Dorsey & Whitney's Policy committee, June 2015 to June 2023
- Georgetown University Law Center, Law Alumni Board of Trustees, 2012-2017
- Board of Directors, The Innocence Project of Minnesota, 2001-September 2019 (Chair, 2003-2005; Co-Chair 2008-2010)
 - Secured the release of Sherman Townsend after serving 10 years of a 20 year sentence for a burglary he did not commit, Minnesota, 2007
 - Secured release and exoneration of Koua Fong Lee after serving several years for vehicular manslaughter resulting from an accident involving his Toyota vehicle
 - Secured the release and exoneration of Michael Hansen after his wrongful conviction for the murder of his daughter (who died of SIDS)
 - Successfully promoted new form of eyewitness identification now used by two of Minnesota's largest counties
- Board of Directors, Humboldt Lofts Association, President (2022 to Present); Vice President (2021 to 2022); At Large Director (2018-2019)
- Jury Instruction Committee (Minnesota), 2004-2005
- Elected as a delegate to the State DFL Convention, 2006; elected as a delegate to the State DFL Convention 2008; served on nominations committee, 2008; elected as delegate to the State DFL Convention 2010; elected Director, Senate District 63, 2008-2012; elected delegate to Senate District Convention, 2018
- Georgetown University, Alumni Interviewer, Admissions Committee, 2003-2017
- Board of Directors, Prevention Alliance, 2001-2003
- Founding member, International Anti-Fraud Network

Legal Teaching

- Hamline Law School Adjunct Law Professor, Wrongful Convictions: Innocence Project of Minnesota, 2002-2003
- Adjunct Faculty-St. Thomas, 1995 (health care fraud); students obtaining MBA in medical group management

Clerkships

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, Honorable Francis J. Magill, 1989–1990

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations, Minnesota, 2019-2026
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*®, 2011-2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024, 2026
- *Thomson Reuters*, "Stand-Out Lawyers," 2024-2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2011-2025
- *Minnesota Lawyer*, "The POWER 30: Business Litigation", 2021-2022

- *Minnesota Lawyer*, Best Lawyers
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer
- *Attorney at Law Magazine*, "Attorney of the Month", April 2013
- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Award, 2001, 2004
- *The Business Journal*, "Top 40 professionals under the age of 40", 2003
- *Minnesota Justice Foundation*, "Distinguished Service Award", 2002

Select Presentations

- Trade Secret Misappropriation: Strategies for Corporate Victims and Those Accused, October 22, 2024
- Litigation: The Pandemic's Next Wave, Panel Presentation and Moderator, May 1, 2020
- Where Have You Gone, Miranda? Trends, Predictions and Best Practices
- "Creating and Implementing a Winning Arbitration Strategy," Corporate Counsel Symposium
- False Claims Act: "Avoiding the Inferno: Making Import and Export Issues Predictable in the Year of the Dragon"
- Current Issues in White Collar Litigation, 2008 (co-sponsored by The Federal Bar Association in Washington State)
- Business Litigation in the High Tech Age, MILE
- Investigations, Corporate Counsel Symposium
- "Trial Advocacy," Minnesota State Bar Association
- What Every Company Should Know When Government Agents Arrive With a Search Warrant or When a Grand Jury Seeks Information by Subpoena
- "Documents in Large Cases," MILE
- Punitive Damages in Minnesota, "Instructing the Jury on Punitive Damages in Minnesota After State Farm Mutual Automotive Insurance Company v. Campbell," MTLA
- "Parallel Proceedings," Corporate Counsel Symposium
- "What Every Company Should Know When Government Agents Arrive With a Search Warrant or When a Grand Jury Searches Information by Subpoena" (Seattle and Minneapolis)
- Joint Defense Agreements: Potential Traps from the Unwary
- "Bringing Down the House: How the Whistleblower Does It," Corporate Counsel Symposium
- "Clarence Darrow: Crimes, Causes, and the Courtroom," All District Legal Education
- The Anatomy of a White Collar Crime Investigation
- "Employee Theft and Shoplifting"
- "Employee Fraud and Theft: Et Tu Brute?" AGC of Minnesota

Insights

June 23, 2021

Dorsey & Whitney names Ed Magarian new board chair

June 16, 2021

Supreme Court in Van Buren Narrows Scope of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act

July 3, 2018

He served decades in prison for Minneapolis serial killings. DNA blames someone else.

March 21, 2018

Dorsey Partner Ed Magarian Fight for Dismiss Appeal in Glaze Case

December 11, 2017

Dorsey Partner Ed Magarian Argues Glaze Case Deserves Review

October 20, 2017

Certiorari Grant This Week on Email Providers Served with Warrant for Emails

March 3, 2017

Dorsey Partner Ed Magarian Comments on Former Starkey Executive Felony Charge

September 1, 2016

**Interviewed for article "Longtime A.L. financial advisor placed on probation,"
Albert Lea Tribune**

**"Post Termination Obligations in the Absence of Restrictive Covenants,"
Employment Law Update**

**"Security Forecasts-A Global Review- United States," 26 International Commercial
Litigation**