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Mark is a nationally recognized lawyer with over thirty-five years of experience helping clients resolve regulatory compliance matters in litigation, administrative actions, enforcement proceedings, and complex negotiations.

Mark has represented clients before federal, state and local regulatory bodies in complex matters involving the regulation of business operations and enterprise risk management. Mark approaches these complex relationships to find creative solutions to help clients meet their business objectives and regulatory obligations.

Mark's national expertise includes strategic advice and planning involving all aspects of administrative and regulatory law. He works closely with clients on project acquisition and diligence, project permitting, environmental, health and safety requirements, workplace/mine safety regulations, toxic tort laws, chemical regulations, corporate social responsibility, product stewardship and sustainability, product labeling and marketing claims, administrative and regulatory proceeding, and complex civil litigation.

Mark is a partner in Dorsey's Regulatory Affairs Group. He also is an active participant in Dorsey's Natural Resources Industry Group, Mergers & Acquisition Group, Development and Infrastructure Group, and Food, Beverage and Agribusiness Industry Group. He obtained a Master's Degree from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health while also attending law school. He worked as a water chemist prior to law school and understands the science and the law in helping clients respond to environmental, health, and safety risks.

Select Experience

- Represented client selling CBD products and advised on health claims, clinical study programs and related FDA and FTC guidance on product claims.
- Advised large Fortune 500 company on testing of products involving CBD ingredients, including cross border issues.

Education

- William Mitchell College of Law (J.D., 1984)
 - Law Journal, Torts and Insurance Law Section
- University of Exeter (U.K.) (Law Program, 1982)
 - College of William and Mary International Law Program
- University of Minnesota (M.S., 1982)
 - School of Public Health
- University of Minnesota (B.S., 1979)
 - College of Biological Sciences

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

- Advised client regarding the infusion of CBD in beverage products.
- Advised client regarding the use of CBD in food products.

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Courts for Minnesota
- Minnesota State Courts
- Eighth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals
- Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals
- D.C. Court of Appeals

Professional Affiliations

- Government Institute's Symposium
- EDR Due Diligence at Dawn Seminars
- OSHA Symposium, National Business Law Institute
- National Auditing Roundtable Conference
- Minnesota State Bar Association Real Estate Conference
- Minnesota State Bar Association Symposium

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Participates in Dorsey's pro bono challenge and has dedicated time and resources to pro bono activities, including work on expungement matters and immigration matters.

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*® Administrative / Regulatory Law, Minneapolis, 2010-2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2014
- Rated AV Preeminent® by Martindale-Hubbell®

Additional Information

- Dorsey & Whitney LLP ConsumerProductsLaw Blog
- Midwest Center for Occupational Health Symposium
- EDR Due Diligence at Dawn
- NBI OSHA Compliance Update
- Minnesota Air Quality Handbook
- Government Institute's Environmental Law Handbook

Select Presentations

- Government Institute's Symposium
- EDR Due Diligence at Dawn Seminars
- OSHA Symposium, National Business Law Institute
- National Auditing Roundtable Conference
- Minnesota State Bar Association Real Estate Conference
- Minnesota State Bar Association Symposium
- Webinar on CPSIA Consumer Product Safety Law

- [Strafford Consumer Product Safety Teleconference](#)
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Insights

May 6, 2025

Federal Court Curbs California's Proposition 65, Giving Some Relief to Businesses Selling Products in California

January 31, 2019

Dorsey Partner Mark Kaster Discusses OSHA Electronic Record Keeping Rules

November 8, 2018

The Hammer Revealed: Mandatory Recall Authority Under The Food Safety Modernization Act

August 30, 2018

WARNING: The Prop 65 Transition Period is Over!

July 2, 2018

Prop 65 Developments Relevant to the Food & Beverage Industry: Changes On Three Important Fronts