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Practicing in the area of complex civil litigation, Skip has represented clients in cases involving commercial and financial issues for over thirty years.

Skip is of counsel in the firm's Litigation and Regulatory Practice Groups. His practice focuses on complex civil litigation, with a particular emphasis on the defense of consumer class actions against financial services companies under the Truth in Lending Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, and state unfair practices statutes. He has also handled a wide variety of other complex litigation, including minority shareholder disputes, insurance coverage, business torts, and federal Indian law. Skip is Co-Chair of the Firm's Indian & Alaska Native Practice Group and former Chair of the E-Discovery Practice Group.

Select Experience

- Represented national banking client in numerous nationwide class action suits filed in federal courts around the country involving claims relating to lender-placed hazard and flood insurance;
- Represented national banking client in putative nationwide class action suit filed in Florida state court involving claims relating to the application of prepayments under residential mortgages;
- Represented consumer credit company in multiple state court actions involving claims relating to wrongful repossession of customer vehicles, as well as legality and propriety of outstanding deficiency judgments;
- Represented consumer credit company in putative statewide class action in federal district court alleging violations of the Minnesota Retail Installment Sales Act, the Minnesota usury laws, the federal Truth in Lending Act, and RICO, breaches of warranty, common law fraud, and illegal insurance sales. Obtained summary judgment in favor of credit company.

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court

Education

- University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D., 1986)
 - *cum laude*, Order of the Coif
 - *Wisconsin Law Review*, Note and Comment Editor
 - 1985-1986, Staff Member, 1984-1985
- Marquette University (B.A., Political Science, 1983)
 - *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- Wisconsin

- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Circuits
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Professional Affiliations

- Twin Cities Habitat, Board Member, 2018-present
- Volunteer Lawyers Network, Member, Board of Directors 2006-2018, Secretary (2013-2014), Vice-Chair/Treasurer (2014-2015), Chair (2015-2016)
- Adjunct Professor of Law, Ethics, Hamline Law School, 1994-1996
- Adjunct Professor of Law, Insurance Law, Hamline Law School, 1992-1994

Clerkships

- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Honorable Jerry Buchmeyer, 1986–1987

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Native American Law, National, 2011-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, Native American Law, 2013-2026
- *Best Lawyers*® *Lawyer of the Year*, Native American Law, Minneapolis, 2026
- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Team Award (Housing Discrimination Claim v. City of Minneapolis Team; Kuehn Class Action Housing Team), 2025
- *Minnesota Monthly*, Top Lawyer in Insurance Law, 2024
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*®, 2003, 2008, 2017-2022
- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Team Award (Rebuilding Our Community Webinar Series), 2021
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program
- *MSBA*, North Star Lawyer, 2012-2014, 2017-2018, 2020, 2023
- Selected as Dorsey & Whitney Partner of the Year, 2006
- Investigator, Minnesota Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility, 1993-1995
- State Bar of Wisconsin Non-Resident Lawyers Division
 - Minnesota Chapter President 1995-2006
- Rated AV Preeminent® by [Martindale-Hubbell](#)®

Select Presentations

- September 2015-2017 Tax Litigation Update, National Intertribal Tax Alliance 17th Annual Tax Conference
- June 15, 2017 E-motional Intelligence 2017: The New E-Discovery Rules and Proportionality? Yes, Proportionality, Wisconsin State Bar Annual Conference
- May 10, 2017 Protective Orders Webcast, Minnesota CLE Civil Litigation Webcast Series
- May 29, 2017 Alternative Fee Arrangements, Corporate Legal Operations Institute Annual Conference
- March 21, 2017 DorsEdiscovery Boot Camp: E-Discovery: The In-House

Perspective, Dorsey U

- February 2, 2017 Insuring the Cyber Risk, Wiring the Rez National Conference, Arizona State University
- January 25, 2017 Third Annual DorsEdiscovery Forum, Dorsey U
- November 30, 2016 E-discovery: Everything You Need to Know!, Dorsey U
- June 22, 2016 An E-Discovery Conversation (Moderator), Dorsey U
- April 4, 2016 Remedies & Damages in Commercial Litigation, Minnesota CLE
- February 12, 2016 E-Commerce/Tribal Data Privacy CLE at ASU
- January 27, 2016 DorsEdiscovery Boot Camp: E-Discovery Trivia – Significant 2015 E-Discovery Cases, Dorsey U
- January 28, 2016 Second Annual DorsEdiscovery Forum: E-Discovery, Information Governance and Data Privacy, Dorsey U
- July 21, 2015 Nuts & Bolts of Federal Practice, Dorsey U
- February 17, 2015 Consumer Protection and Data Security, Wiring the Rez National Conference, Arizona State University
- January 28, 2015 DorsEdiscovery Forum: International E-Discovery & Data Privacy, Costs, Case Laws and Trends, Dorsey U
- March 17, 2014 DorsEdiscovery Boot Camp: Slim Down Your Excess Data, Dorsey U
- March 12, 2014 Privacy & Technology Commerce Breakfast Briefing: Cybersecurity & The Law, Dorsey U
- February 25, 2014 DorsEdiscovery Boot Camp: To Have & To Hold – Litigation Holds & Preservation, Dorsey U
- January 24, 2014 DorsEdiscovery Boot Camp: 2013 E-Discovery Case Law Update, Dorsey U
- October 28, 2013 Risk Transfer and Indemnification, 2013 Closely Held Business Conference, MN CLE
- December 13, 2012 Top 10 E-Discovery Highlights of 2012, Dorsey U
- December 4, 2012 Hot Topics in Construction Litigation and Risk Management, Dorsey U
- November 7, 2012 Risk Transfer in Commercial Contracts Webinar, Strafford Publications, Inc.
- September 25, 2012 Tax Litigation Update, National Intertribal Tax Alliance 14th Annual Tax Conference
- Frequent lecturer at continuing legal education seminars on a variety of topics.

Insights

June 9, 2023

Tendering Claims to Insurers and Addressing Coverage Disputes

November 14, 2022

Kappelman, Durocher, and Tahdooahnipah Counsel in Oklahoma Tribal Gambling Case

January 2022

Downtown Leader Loves His Walk to Work

July 14, 2020

McGirt v. Oklahoma

May 15, 2020

Dorsey Partner Skip Durocher Discusses COVID-19 Insurance Claims

April 16, 2020

Dorsey Partner Skip Durocher Comments on COVID Insurance Claims

March 30, 2020

**Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations to Receive Billions of Dollars in
Coronavirus Assistance - Navigating the Tribal Government Assistance Provisions
in the CARES Act**

March 25, 2020

**Insurance Coverage for Costs and Losses Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Some
Considerations**

October 18, 2017

**The Trump Administration announced two key appointments to Indian Affairs
posts in the Department of the Interior this week**

July 21, 2017

Dorsey Partner Skip Durocher Discusses City of St. Paul Pro Bono Case

April 24, 2017

Dorsey Partner Skip Durocher Advises Bad River Tribal Members on Tax Issue