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Practice Areas

Litigation and Trials
Arbitration
Financial Services

Overview

Leslie A. Bellwood joined Littler after practicing at a boutique commercial litigation firm in Minneapolis, where she served her clients by creating practical solutions for their litigation matters. Leslie developed her practice by knowing her clients' businesses and how they could achieve their goals when faced with litigation. Leslie represented clients in a wide array of commercial litigation matters both in court and in FINRA arbitration, where she secured successful outcomes through motion practice, settlement negotiations, and mediations.

As a law student at the University of Minnesota, Leslie represented clients in the Employment Law Clinic as they challenged unemployment insurance determinations. She also mentored first-year law students in the nationally recognized Law in Practice experiential learning class, for which she now serves as a practice instructor.

After earning best oralist in her Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Moot Court section, Leslie served as managing student director for the Moot Court, teaching students appellate advocacy and organizing the Maynard Pirsig Honors Oral Competition.

Leslie examined cutting-edge arbitration issues as a research assistant for Prof. Mitchell Zamoff and published "Proposed Guidelines for Arbitral Disclosure of Social Media Activity" in the *Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution* as second author with Prof. Zamoff.

Professional and Community Affiliations

- Adjunct Professor, Practice Instructor for Law in Practice Class, University of Minnesota Law School, Spring 2025
- Member, GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Council, University of Minnesota Law School
- Member and Attorney Mentor, Minnesota Women Lawyers

- Member, Minnesota State Bar Association
- Member, Federal Bar Association
- Member, Hennepin County Bar Association

Recognition

- Recipient, Best Scholarly Paper Award, *Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) section*
- Dean's List, *University of Minnesota Law School*
- Recipient, Dean's Distinguished Scholarship , *University of Minnesota Law School*, 2022

Education

J.D., University of Minnesota Law School, 2022, *cum laude*

B.A., Concordia College, 2015, *magna cum laude with Honors*

Bar Admissions

Minnesota

Courts

U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

Publications & Press

Proposed Guidelines for Arbitral Disclosure of Social Media Activity

23 Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution 1

2022

Doctors and Diversity: Using Interfaith Literacy and Interfaith Dialogue to Improve Patient Care

Dialog: A Journal of Theology, Volume 58, Issue 3

September 2019

Events & Speaking Engagements

Proposed Guidelines for Arbitral Disclosure of Social Media Activity

Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) section Works-in-Progress Conference,
Quinnipiac/Yale

October 2023