GREENE ESPEL PLLP

Mark L. Johnson Attorney



Clients trust Mark to provide timely, business-sensitive advice, and to resolve difficult matters—through litigation and otherwise.

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OVERVIEW

Mark has successfully tried multiple cases to verdict, before juries, arbitrators, and judges. He has been named one of the Top 100 Minnesota Super Lawyers and a Minnesota Attorney of the Year. He represents clients in cases involving enforcement of contractual, fiduciary, and tort duties; trade secrets, trademarks, and other intellectual property; professional liability; construction; cross-border business disputes; and related appeals.

Before becoming an attorney, Mark taught philosophy to undergraduates at Purdue University. He learned to explain complicated material in a clear, concise, and entertaining manner. He brings those skills to bear every time he represents a client in court or before an arbitration panel.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Chicago Law School, *with honors*; Articles Editor, University of Chicago Legal Forum
- M.A., Purdue University, Philosophy
- B.A., Purdue University, with distinction, Philosophy
- Visiting Student, Oxford University, Mansfield College

EXPERIENCE

- Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Associate
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, The Honorable Diana E. Murphy, Law Clerk

ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third, Fifth, and Eighth Circuits
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- State Bar of Minnesota
- State Bar of Illinois

AFFILIATIONS

- Federal Bar Association

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RECOGNITION

- Thrice Honored as "Attorney of the Year," *Minnesota Lawyer* (2023, 2022, 2012)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in Americ*a (2020-2027)
- Selected to Super Lawyers list, *Minnesota Super Lawyers* (2015-2026)
    - Named as one of the "Top 100 Super Lawyers," Minnesota Super Lawyers (2018; 2020)

COMMUNITY

- Advocates for Human Rights, Volunteer Attorney
- Minneapolis Rowing Club
    - President (2010-2013)
    - Board of Governors (2008-2010)
- FAA Certificated Private Pilot

Working in conjunction with The Advocates for Human Rights, Mark has successfully represented multiple children from Central America in obtaining asylum and other immigration relief on a pro bono basis, often assisting them in escaping gang and familial violence and other forms of persecution.

NEWS & UPDATES

- **August 20, 2026** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the 2027 Best Lawyers and Ones to Watch Lists
- **July 15, 2026** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the 2026 Minnesota Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
- **May 19, 2026** Minnesota Lawyer Recognizes Jeanette Bazis, Sybil Dunlop, Jenny Gassman-Pines, Mark Johnson, and X. Kevin Zhao on the Minnesota Legal 250
- **August 21, 2025** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the 2026 Best Lawyers and Ones to Watch Lists
- **July 15, 2025** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the 2025 Minnesota Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
- **August 16, 2024** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the 2025 Best Lawyers and Ones to Watch Lists
- **July 15, 2024** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the 2024 Minnesota Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
- **March 6, 2024** Client Win: Eighth Circuit Affirms Trial Win for Greene Espel Client Newsert
- **January 10, 2024** Cargill and Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized by *Minnesota Lawyer* as 2023 Attorneys of the Year
- **August 17, 2023** *Best Lawyers Recognizes 16 Greene Espel Attorneys on the 2024 Best Lawyers and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Lists*
- **July 18, 2023** *16 Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the Minnesota Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists*
- **January 4, 2023** Mark Johnson, Aaron Knoll, and Cliff Greene Recognized by *Minnesota Lawyer* as 2022 Attorneys of the Year
- **August 18, 2022** Best Lawyers Recognizes 14 Greene Espel Attorneys on the 2023 Best Lawyers and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Lists
- **August 1, 2022** Client Win: Jury Returns Verdict in Favor of Greene Espel Client, Newsert
- **July 18, 2022** 16 Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the Minnesota Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
- **April 13, 2022** Client Win: Judge Grants Complete Dismissal for Greene Espel Client in Class Action Accountant Liability Case
- **October 11, 2021** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized in 2022 "Best Lawyers in the Midwest" Publication
- **August 19, 2021** Best Lawyers Recognizes 14 Greene Espel Attorneys on the 2022 Best Lawyers and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Lists
- **July 21, 2021** Award: Super Lawyers Recognizes 13 Greene Espel Attorneys on the 2021 Minnesota Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
- **August 20, 2020** Award: The Best Lawyers in America 2021 Recognizes 17 Greene Espel Lawyers
- **July 20, 2020** Award: Super Lawyers Recognizes 20 Greene Espel Attorneys

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- **December 12, 2019** Client Win: Greene Espel Client Honeywell Beats $22 million Implied Contract Claim, Wins Counterclaim
- **August 15, 2019** Eleven Greene Espel Lawyers Listed in "The Best Lawyers in America 2020"
- **July 8, 2019** 2019 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists Include 18 Greene Espel Attorneys
- **July 5, 2018** Greene Espel Lawyers Receive Recognition in 2018 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
- **May 11, 2018** Greene Espel and Securian Volunteer to Teach Junior Achievement
- **July 5, 2017** Super Lawyers Recognizes Thirteen Greene Espel Lawyers in 2017
- **June 14, 2017** Federal Jury Awards Compensatory and Punitive Damages to Greene Espel Client
- **July 5, 2016** Super Lawyers 2016 Recognizes Sixteen Greene Espel Attorneys
- **July 7, 2015** Super Lawyers 2015 recognizes fifteen Greene Espel attorneys for honors
- **March 30, 2015** Greene Espel client Vision-Sciences beats challenge to merger with Uroplasty
- **July 7, 2014** Super Lawyers 2014 recognizes twelve Greene Espel attorneys for honors
- **July 8, 2013** Super Lawyers 2013 recognizes eleven Greene Espel attorneys for honors
- **April 12, 2013** Johnson teaches electronic discovery CLE
- **December 17, 2012** Bazis and Johnson named 2012 Attorneys of the Year by Minnesota Lawyer
- **July 12, 2012** Super Lawyers 2012 recognizes ten Greene Espel attorneys for honors
- **July 13, 2011** Super Lawyers recognizes ten Greene Espel attorneys for honors
- **February 17, 2011** Johnson named Up & Coming Attorney by Minnesota Lawyer
- **January 22, 2010** Greene Espel client wins summary judgment in asbestos case
- **February 16, 2007** Greene Espel represents healthcare provider investigated for marrying former client

EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

- **September 29, 2026** CLE OPPORTUNITY: "Attorney Client Privilege for In-House Attorneys in an AI Age"
- **April 11, 2013** *Smart Sampling in e-Discovery: Reducing Document Review Costs without Compromising Results*, Women in eDiscovery, Panelist

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

- **May 19, 2009** Co-Author of "Judge Diana E. Murphy: Memories from the District Court," Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association: Bar Talk, Vol. II, Issue 4
- **January 1, 2002** "Legislate First, Ask Questions Later: Post-Enactment Evidence in Minority Set-Aside Litigation," 2002 U. Chi. Legal Forum 303

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