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Decisive judgment when it counts, courtroom experience when it matters.

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OVERVIEW

Aaron represents companies of all sizes in complex commercial, product-liability, and class-action disputes. He advocates for developers in regulatory and litigation matters in the thriving clean-energy industry. He defends governments and political actors against challenges to the integrity of their decisions and elections. And he conducts internal and agency investigations concerning whistleblower allegations and sensitive risks.

Aaron has built a track record that speaks for itself, often finding early solutions that avoid costly litigation. He has a knack for distilling complicated issues into clear and compelling themes that persuade any audience. And when a case must be tried, he delivers. Aaron has successfully represented clients in multiple jury and bench trials in state and federal courts.

Above all, Aaron listens to what truly matters to his clients and then gives strategic, practical advice focused on achieving their goals. Clients particularly rely on Aaron when they need a competitive advantage using genuine emotional intelligence and powerful visual advocacy.

Beyond his litigation practice, Aaron has a passion for education and community service. He teaches legal writing at the University of St. Thomas School of Law, speaks to companies and conferences on emerging legal issues, and mentors law students and young lawyers as they embark on their future endeavors.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of St. Thomas School of Law, *summa cum laude*; Articles Editor, *St. Thomas Law Review*
- B.A., University of Minnesota, History and Geography, *with Distinction, magna cum laude*

EXPERIENCE

- Faegre Baker Daniels LLP, Associate
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, Judge Paul A. Magnuson, Law Clerk
- Minnesota Supreme Court, Justice Christopher J. Dietzen, Law Clerk

ADMISSIONS

- State of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

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

AFFILIATIONS

- Federal Bar Association, Civil Discovery Practice Group Co-Chair (2026-2027), Membership Committee Co-Chair (2025-2026), Diversity and Inclusion Committee Co-Chair (2023-2025), Membership Committee Co-Chair (2022-2023), Legal Education Committee Co-Chair (2020-2022), Golf Tournament Committee Chair (2018-2020)
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- American Bar Association

RECOGNITION

- 2023 Attorney of the Year, *Minnesota Lawyer*
- 2022 Attorney of the Year, *Minnesota Lawyer*
- Listed in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (2021-2027)
- Up and Coming Attorney, *Minnesota Lawyer* (2020)
- Selected to Minnesota Rising Stars list, Minnesota Super Lawyers (2019-2026)
- Dean's Award for Outstanding Teaching, University of St. Thomas School of Law (2019)
- North Star Lawyer for pro bono service, Minnesota State Bar Association (2016-2017)
- Judge Earl R. Larson Law Student Award, Federal Bar Association (2012)
- Mission Award for Excellence in Professional Preparation, University of St. Thomas School of Law (2010)

COMMUNITY

- University of St. Thomas School of Law, Adjunct Faculty (2014-2026)
- University of St. Thomas School of Law Mentor Program, Mentor (2015-2026)
- American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Coach (2013-2015)

NEWS & UPDATES

- **August 20, 2026** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the 2027 Best Lawyers and Ones to Watch Lists
- **July 22, 2026** Legal 500 Recognizes Six Greene Espel Attorneys on the 2026 Legal 500 Minneapolis US City Elite List
- **July 15, 2026** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the 2026 Minnesota Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
- **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 18, 2024** Client Win: Jury Rules in Favor of Greene Espel Client, Olmsted County, in Discrimination Suit
- **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
- **October 11, 2021** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized in 2022 "Best Lawyers in the Midwest" Publication

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- **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
- **July 10, 2020** Award: Three Greene Espel Attorneys Named Up & Coming Lawyers by Minnesota Lawyer
- **July 8, 2019** 2019 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists Include 18 Greene Espel Attorneys
- **June 19, 2018** Nine Greene Espel Attorneys Named North Star Lawyers for Pro Bono Service
- **February 14, 2018** Q&A: Meet our Newest Innovators
- **May 18, 2017** Six Greene Espel Attorneys Named North Star Lawyers for Pro Bono Service
- **May 11, 2017** Greene and Knoll Present on Privilege during Ethics Seminar
- **April 24, 2017** Greene Espel PLLP Welcomes Attorney Aaron P. Knoll

EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

- **June 18, 2026** "Moving the Needle: The Psychology of Persuasion," ACC MN 15th Annual In-House Counsel Conference, Association of Corporate Counsel, Minnesota Chapter
- **December 31, 2023** University of St. Thomas School of Law, Adjunct Professor (2014-present)
- **February 16, 2022** *Top 10 Tips for Better Using Legal Research in Writing and Oral Argument*, Co-Presenter, Minnesota CLE
- **February 4, 2021** *Ethics in the Time of COVID-19*, Minnesota CLE (May 15, 2020; December 4, 2020; February 4, 2021)
- **January 22, 2021** *Candid Advice in the Year of Pandemic and Protests*, Minnesota CLE
- **October 21, 2020** *MSBA practicelaw Conference: How to Leverage Risk Analysis and Quantitative Data to Gain the Upper Hand in Litigation*, Minnesota State Bar Association
- **October 14, 2020** *MSBA practicelaw Conference: How to Make Your Research Count in Your Writing*, Minnesota State Bar Association
- **September 16, 2019** *How to Make Your Research Count in Your Writing*, Legal Research Day at the MSBA, Minnesota State Bar Association
- **March 1, 2019** *Quick-Draw Litigation—Strategies for Winning Injunctions and Other Threshold Motions*, Minnesota CLE
- **May 17, 2018** Kate Hibbard Speaks on HCBA Panel
- **May 1, 2018** *It Just Got Personal: Recent Developments in Personal Jurisdiction*, Co-Presenter, Minnesota CLE
- **January 1, 2017** *Significant New Civil Procedure Cases in 2016*, Co-Presenter, Minnesota CLE
- **January 1, 2017** *Two's Company, Three's a Crowd: Privilege and Confidentiality Issues for Lawyers Representing Multiple Parties*, Co-Presenter with Cliff Greene, Minnesota CLE
- **January 1, 2016** *Effective and Efficient Written Discovery*, Minnesota CLE
- **January 1, 2016** *Significant New Civil Procedure Cases in 2015*, Co-Presenter, Minnesota CLE

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

- **January 1, 2009** Residential- and Commercial-Scale Distributed Wind Energy in North Dakota, USA, Co-Author, *Renewable Energy*

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