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OVERVIEW

Gina balances the details with the big picture in everything she does, and deftly pairs clear and incisive legal analysis with compelling storytelling. Drawing on her substantial federal litigation and clerkship experience, Gina offers clients a deep understanding of the federal court system and provides informed guidance at every stage of litigation—from complaint through appeal. Gina leverages her experience with discovery in complex litigation in federal courts to offer nuanced insight into the practical and substantive value of strategically investigating and developing the record of her clients' cases.

Before joining Greene Espel, Gina clerked for The Honorable Jane Kelly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and The Honorable John R. Tunheim of the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. Gina is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Minnesota Law Review*. While in law school, Gina was a student director of the Federal Immigration Litigation Clinic and worked as a law clerk in the University's Office of the General Counsel.

Gina is active in the legal community, mentoring students as an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota Law School (2025-26), editing the quarterly Bar Talk newsletter for the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and volunteering through the Advocates for Human Rights.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Minnesota Law School, *magna cum laude, Order of the Coif*; Editor-in-Chief, *Minnesota Law Review*
- B.A., St. Olaf College, *summa cum laude*, Economics and Religion with distinction

EXPERIENCE

- Law Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, The Honorable Jane Kelly
- Law Clerk, U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, The Honorable John R. Tunheim

ADMISSIONS

- State Bar of Illinois
- State Bar of Minnesota
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

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AFFILIATIONS

- Federal Bar Association
    - Co-Chair, Mentorship Committee (2026-present)
- Minnesota State Bar Association

RECOGNITION

- 2023 Attorney of the Year, *Minnesota Lawyer*
- 2020 Sidney J. Kaplan Legal Scholarship Fund Award, University of Minnesota Law School

COMMUNITY

- Volunteer Attorney, The Advocates for Human Rights

NEWS & UPDATES

- **January 10, 2024** Cargill and Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized by *Minnesota Lawyer* as 2023 Attorneys of the Year
- **October 26, 2022** Greene Espel Welcomes Litigators Farah Famouri and Gina Tonn to the Firm

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

- **May 9, 2025** "The Eighth Circuit Reinforces the Importance of Expressly Requesting Jury Trials," Law.com
- **April 20, 2023** "Eighth Circuit Agrees City Ordinance Banning Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products Is Not Preempted by Tobacco Control Act," Law.com
- **January 11, 2023** "Eighth Circuit: Insurance Application's Foreclosure Question Is Ambiguous," Law.com

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