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Don't let my smile fool you. I take a no-nonsense approach to the law and argue with passion on behalf of our clients.

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OVERVIEW

Davida began her legal career in New York City where she represented clients in complex civil litigation—including class actions and multimillion-dollar antitrust and government enforcement actions. As part of her pro bono and appellate practice, Davida represented amici in the Supreme Court, Second Circuit, Eastern District of New York, and state courts across the country.

At Greene Espel, Davida continues to help clients navigate complex antitrust and competition matters before trial and appellate courts. She also advises clients on government enforcement actions and government investigations, handles a variety of employment matters, including non-competes and internal investigations, and represents clients in appeals. Davida has argued cases before the District of Minnesota, Minnesota Court of Appeals, and Minnesota District Court.

Davida has been recognized by her peers on the 2025 Minnesota Rising Stars list by Super Lawyers and was named in Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch (2026) and in *Minnesota Lawyer* as an “Up & Coming Attorney” (2021). In 2021, Davida was appointed to a Merit Selection Panel by the United States District Judges of the District of Minnesota to advise on the selection of a new United States Magistrate Judge.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Harvard Law School (2015); Harvard Black Law Students Association, Internal Vice President (2014-2015); *Harvard Journal on Racial and Ethnic Justice*, Executive Editor
- M.Ed., Boston University, Curriculum and Teaching
- B.A., Yale University, Political Science and African American Studies

EXPERIENCE

- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, Judge Patrick J. Schiltz, Law Clerk (2017-2018)
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Associate (2015-2017)
- Boston Collegiate Charter School, 5th and 6th Grade Special Education Teacher (2010-2012)

ADMISSIONS

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

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AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers

RECOGNITION

- Appointed to the Merit Selection Panel by Chief Judge John R. Tunheim to advise the U.S. District Court of the District of Minnesota on the selection of a new U.S. Magistrate Judge (January 2021)
- Up and Coming Attorney, *Minnesota Lawyer* (2021)
- Listed in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (2021-2027)
- Selected to Minnesota Rising Stars list, Minnesota Super Lawyers (2020-2026)
- Recognized as Minnesota State Bar Association North Star Lawyer for pro bono service (2019)

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
- **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
- **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*
- **August 18, 2022** Best Lawyers Recognizes 14 Greene Espel Attorneys on the 2023 Best Lawyers and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Lists
- **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
- **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
- **July 16, 2021** Award: *Minnesota Lawyer* Names Attorneys Anna Tobin and Davida Williams as 2021 Up & Coming Attorneys and Accounting Manager Karen Deneen as a 2021 Unsung Legal Hero
- **June 14, 2021** *Best Lawyers* 2021 “Women in the Law” Business Edition Recognizes Eight Greene Espel Attorneys
- **January 26, 2021** Greene Espel congratulates Jeya Paul, Amran Farah and Davida Williams on their elevation to our partnership.
- **January 1, 2021** Davida Williams Appointed to the Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel
- **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
- **June 10, 2020** Award: 13 Greene Espel Attorneys Named North Star Lawyers for Pro Bono Service
- **October 16, 2018** Greene Espel Welcomes New Attorneys

EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

- **June 18, 2026** "Discovery," Drafting to Win: Effective Litigation Drafting, Minnesota CLE
- **May 18, 2026** "Witness Prep – How to Build Durable Testimony That's Consistent Across Depo Transcript, Summary Judgment Record, and Trial," Upper Midwest Employment Law Institute, Minnesota CLE
- **May 19, 2025** Farah Famouri, Jenny Gassman-Pines, and Davida Williams to Present at Minnesota CLE's 2025 Upper Midwest Employment Law Institute

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- **May 20, 2024** Sybil Dunlop, Jenny Gassman-Pines, and Davida Williams to Present at Minnesota CLE's 2023 Employment Law Institute
- **May 18, 2023** Jenny Gassman-Pines and Davida Williams to Present at Minnesota CLE's 2023 Employment Law Institute
- **April 28, 2022** Davida Williams to Present on Developments in Class Certification in Antitrust Litigation for MSBA
- **April 18, 2022** *Recent Developments in Class Certification*, Minnesota State Bar Association Antitrust Law Section

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

- **January 1, 2021** *Why the Supreme Court Denied Review of Eighth Circuit Murder Conviction*, Law.com

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