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CLAYTON CARLSON

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OVERVIEW

Clayton Carlson works with individuals and corporations to help them navigate complex civil litigation, internal investigations, and their interactions with the government. He has successfully represented clients in civil and criminal jury trials in both state and federal court, and in administrative law proceedings involving federal and state entities. Clayton's experience includes everything from representing large corporations in complex litigation involving breach of contract, products liability, consumer protection, fraud, real estate issues, and statutory claims, to representing individuals charged with offenses including fraud, bribery, and money laundering, drug-related offenses, and murder. Clayton's unique mix of civil and criminal experience allows him to help his clients find creative solutions to complex problems.

In his investigations practice, Clayton assists large and small corporations, and occasionally individuals, in navigating complex regulatory issues that implicate a number of statutes and regulations, including labor laws, antitrust statutes, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) Export Administration Regulations (EAR), and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rules. He helps companies and individuals respond to federal investigative subpoenas and state civil investigative demands. Clayton also assists companies with internal investigations that raise issues of criminal violations and regulatory compliance, including investigations into allegations of internal theft, fraud, harassment, and conduct that violates state and federal laws and regulations. In all practice areas, his strategic insight and exceptional attention to detail have made him a trusted advocate for clients.

Clayton received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the University of Minnesota Law School, where he served as a staff member and managing editor of the *Minnesota Law Review*. While in law school, he also served as judicial extern to the Honorable Magistrate Judge

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation

- Business Litigation
- Construction & Real Estate Litigation
- Investigations & White Collar Defense
- Tort & Product Liability

Real Estate

- Condemnation & Eminent Domain

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

U.S. District Court

- Minnesota

U.S. Court of Appeals

- Eighth Circuit

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Law School
J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2019
Honors: Dean's List

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2016
Political Science & Global Studies
Honors: Dean's List

Tony N. Leung at the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota and worked as a certified student attorney in the criminal division of the Minneapolis City Attorney's office. Clayton earned his bachelor's degree, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- Secured a rare acquittal on all charges for a "Feeding Our Future" pandemic meal fraud defendant following a seven-week federal jury trial.
- Served on team that successfully defended Polaroid against a $300 million breach of contract dispute brought by one of its former licensees, C&A Marketing, winning a complete defense verdict after a two-week jury trial in Hennepin County.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- Twin Cities Diversity in Practice: Racial Equity Challenge – 2021 Certified
- Maslon UPLIFT: Legal Institute for Teens: Volunteer Coach
- Community Mediation Clinic, University of Minnesota Law School: Volunteer

SELECTED HONORS

- **Recognized on Minnesota Rising Stars list as part of the Super Lawyers® selection process**, 2025-2026 *(Minnesota Rising Stars is a designation given to only 2.5% of Minnesota attorneys each year, based on a selection process that includes the recommendation of peers in the legal profession.)*
- **Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch**, 2021-2027 (*These awards recognize attorneys, who are earlier in their careers, for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States.*)
- **Joe Friedberg Special Achievement Award,** Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2024
- **North Star Lawyer**, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2020-2025 *(North Star Lawyer is a designation that recognizes members who provide 50 hours or more of pro bono legal services in a calendar year.)*
- **Pro Bono Award,** for commitment to pro bono service, Maslon LLP, 2022

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 1L Out-of-State Student Reception
- "6 Key Consideration for Owners Representatives," A Crash Course in Condemnation Law and Practice, Minnesota CLE, 2024