

RANHEIM LAW AND ADR SERVICES PLLC



JAMES J. RANHEIM

James started Ranheim Law and ADR Services PLLC after twenty-plus years of practicing law. Prior to starting his new firm, James worked with law firms in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. He is an experienced trial lawyer defending clients in construction defect, products liability, personal injury, automobile cases, as well as advising clients regarding insurance coverage issues.

James primarily represents declarants, developers, general contractors, subcontractors, construction managers, and various product manufacturers, in multi-party construction defect and water intrusion litigation. He has successfully represented clients in trials, arbitrations, and mediations for single-family, multi-family, and manufactured homes, as well as complex commercial building cases.

James also represents his corporate and construction clients for all of their general counsel needs including contract review, payment disputes, liens, defect responses, and other injury claims.

Finally, James is applying his twenty years of experience by assisting parties, companies, and/or their attorneys in resolving matters through alternative dispute resolution (ADR), neutral evaluations, and other dispute resolution processes.

Construction / General Counsel/ Products Liability / ADR

Ranheim Law implements strategies and solutions for its client's needs through competent and efficient legal advocacy. Ranheim Law is able to surpass expectations by providing valuable communications, risk analysis, and recommendations through its undivided loyalty and counsel. Ranheim Law also assists other parties, companies, and/or their attorneys in resolving matters through alternative dispute resolution (ADR), neutral evaluations, and other dispute resolution processes.

James enjoys spending time with his family and their dog. They enjoy spending time in the great outdoors and volunteering for many local charities.



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REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Diseworth at Somerby v. Wensmann Homes, et al., Olmsted County - 2013 (Dismissal of Client)

The Masters at Deacon's Walk v. Gorham Builders, et al., Anoka County - 2011 (Judgment for Client)

Housing Project v. Construction Manager, American Arbitration Assoc. - 2009 (Defense Award for Client)

Mattscheck v. Charpentier Construction, Pine County - 2008 (Jury Trial)

Homeowner v. Builder, Construction Arbitration Services - 2008 (Defense Award for Client)

Goetzmann v. Domestic Development, et al., Minnesota Court of Appeals - 2007 (Judgment for Client Affirmed - Unpublished Decision - 2007 WL 446914)

Udesth v. Al Smisek Builders, Inc., et al., Hennepin County - 2007 (Judgment for Client)

Deschamp v. ABC Housing, Inc., et al., Rice County - 2006 (Jury Trial)

Chaska v. Rudy Trones, et al., Hennepin County - 2006 (Judgment for Client)

Repya v. FSB Construction, Inc., et al., Dakota County - 2006 (Judgment for Client)

PRESENTATIONS

Wisconsin Case Law Challenges and Latest Trends

(Wisconsin Webinar, Arthur, Chapman, Kettering, Smetak & Pikala, P.A., November 2020)

Changes in CGL Coverage for Construction Defects and Contractors

(Minnesota Insurance Coverage Seminar, Arthur, Chapman, Kettering, Smetak & Pikala, P.A., May 2013)

 $Construction\ Defect\ Disputes, Coverage, Risk\ Transfer, and\ Dispute\ Resolution$

(Builders Association of the Twin Cities - 2012)

2012 Case Law Update

(Minnesota Construction Law Seminar, Arthur, Chapman, Kettering, Smetak & Pikala, P.A., October 2012)

Premises Liability: Trips, Tumbles, and Topples

(Hennepin County Bar Association - 2012)

The Missing Link: Claims Against Bankrupt, Dissolved Corporations and Successor Entities

(Minnesota Construction Law Seminar, Arthur, Chapman, Kettering, Smetak & Pikala, P.A., October 2011)

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ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Minnesota (1998) North Dakota (2002) Wisconsin (2014)

HONORS

Rising Star, Minnesota Law & Politics, 2011

EDUCATION

Hamline University School of Law - Doctor of Jurisprudence Gustavus Adolphus College - Bachelor of Arts

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Minnesota State Bar Association Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association North Dakota Bar Association Saint Croix Valley Bar Association Wisconsin State Bar Association Wisconsin Defense Counsel

PRACTICE AREAS

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
Automobile Law
Construction Law
Insurance Coverage
Product Liability

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