



James J. Ranheim



James started Ranheim Law Office PLLC nearly fifteen years after being admitted to practice law. Prior to starting his own firm, James worked with law firms in Minnesota and North Dakota. He is an experienced trial lawyer defending clients in construction defect and water intrusion, products liability, personal injury, automobile law, as well as advising clients regarding insurance coverage issues.

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

## 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(Judgment for Client Affirmed - Unpublished Decision - 2007 WL 446914)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

- 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)
- Multiple Party Litigation: Pointers, Possibilities, and Potholes  
(Hennepin County Bar Association - 2011)

## ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- Minnesota (1998)
- U.S. District of MN (2002)
- North Dakota (2002)
- U.S. District of ND (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

