CORY D. OLSON

Attorney, Shareholder



Cory Olson is an experienced and effective litigator with a proven record of helping clients solve a wide range of legal and business problems. He has litigated in state and federal courts across the country, stretching from Minnesota to Alabama and California to Connecticut. Cory also has arbitrated before every major arbitration service, including the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), National Futures Association (NFA), American Arbitration Association (AAA), and Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Service (JAMS). Cory's practice covers a wide range of areas, with a focus on securities arbitration, disputes between business owners, shareholder litigation, non-compete agreements, termination of sales representatives, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, breach of contract, and wrongful termination.

EDUCATION

J.D., magna cum laude, University of Minnesota
B.A., cum laude, Hamline University

ADMISSIONS

State of Minnesota
U.S. District of Minnesota
U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals
U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals
Federal Circuit Court of Appeals

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Secretary, Board of Directors, Hennepin County Bar Foundation (HCBF)
- Member, Hennepin County Bar Association
- Member, Minnesota State Bar Association
- Member, Federal Bar Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Co-Chair, Fund for Legal Aid Associates Campaign, 2013 – 2014
- Volunteer Coach, Eden Prairie Fastpitch Association

PUBLICATIONS

- Minnesota Becomes the Latest State to Require Developers to Pay the Cost of Relocating Utility Lines, Minnesota Lawyer / Finance & Commerce – Partner Content, June 2025
- There Isn't a Nationwide Non-Compete Ban… Yet, Minnesota Lawyer / Finance & Commerce – Partner Content, September 2024
- Taylor Swift and the Unanswered $100 Million Question, Minnesota Lawyer / Finance & Commerce – Partner Content, November 2023
- The Supreme Court Further Complicates Arbitral Discovery in Badgerow v. Walters, Minnesota Lawyer / Finance & Commerce – Partner Content, April 2022
- Can Employers Require Employees to take a Covid Vaccine? It's complicated. Minnesota Lawyer / Finance & Commerce – Partner Content, May 2021
- The Fight Over Business-Interruption Coverage: Understanding why Covid-19 related closures may or may not be covered, Minnesota Lawyer / Finance & Commerce – Partner Content, May 2020
- The Law of [Redacted], Minnesota Lawyer / Finance & Commerce – Partner Content, April 2019

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AWARDS & HONORS

- Selected as a Minnesota Lawyer's "Attorney of the Year," 2024
- Selected to the "Minnesota Super Lawyers" list by Super Lawyers, 2021 – Present
- Selected to the "Minnesota Rising Stars" list by Super Lawyers, 2015 – 2020
- David E. Devol Award for Exemplary Service, Theta Chi Fraternity

- Think Carefully About Where You Send Client Emails to Avoid Waiving a Privilege, Attorney at Law – Minnesota Edition, January 2019
- Compelling Circumstances: The Need to Clarify the Availability of Arbitral Subpoenas, Minnesota Lawyer – Partner Content, June 2018
- Office politics: Can an employee be fired over political activities? The answer may not be as simple as you think, Minnesota Lawyer – Sponsored Blog, October 2017
- Old Disks and Ancient Documents: Why the Hearsay Rules Are Changing to Meet Digital Realities, Attorney at Law – Minnesota Edition, July 2017
- Saving for Retirement? Changes Are Coming to How You Pay to Save, Attorney at Law – Minnesota Edition, October 2016
- Think Strategically About Indemnification Provisions, Attorney at Law – Twin Cities Edition, November 2015
- Sometimes You Can Fight City Hall, Attorney at Law – Twin Cities Edition, July 2014
- Risk v. Reward – Why the JOBS Act Isn't Living Up to its Name, Attorney at Law – Twin Cities Edition, November 2013
- Individual in the Class: Marital Status Discrimination in Employment, Bench & Bar of Minnesota, co-authored with Courtland C. Merrill, August 2011
- Cutting the Cost of Derivative Claims: The Role of the Special Litigation Committee, Bench & Bar of Minnesota, co-authored with Vincent D. Louwagie, March 2009
- Mr. Tax Collector, 'Hands Off My Truck, Please,' Journal of Transportation Law, Logistics & Policy, co-authored with Carole Clark Isakson, 2005
- Follow the Giraffe's Lead – Lanco, Inc. v. Dir., Div. of Taxation Gets Lost in the Quagmire that is State Taxation, Minnesota Journal of Law, Science & Technology, 2005

RESULTS

DULHANTY V. CONNER, NO. A17-0172 (MINN. CT. APP. 2017)
Successfully obtained the dismissal of lawsuit against two former executives of broker-dealer alleging breach of fiduciary duty and related claims in connection with sale of company assets. Following dismissal, successfully defended against plaintiff's appeal of trial court's dismissal of claims.

NELSON V. ANDERSON VETERINARY SERVICE, P.A., NO. 25-CV-18-425 (MINN. DIST. CT.)
Represented client seeking buy-out in dispute with former business partners. Successfully obtained buy-out of shares, as well as dismissal of counterclaims alleging breach of fiduciary duty and tortious interference with customer relationships.

BISMARCK FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, ET AL. V. CALDWELL, 950 N.W.2D 155 (N.D. 2020)
Successfully obtained dismissal of all claims against financial advisor by advisor's former business and business partners seeking to hold financial advisor personally liable for a portion of the business's expenses. Following dismissal, successfully defended against appeal of dismissal to the North Dakota Supreme Court. Upon remand to trial court, plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed lawsuit rather than attempt to replead allegations.

BROWNING V. VAN BRUNT DUBIAGO & CO., LLC, NO. SC 20010 (CONN. 2018)
Successfully obtained dismissal of lawsuit against broker-dealer and registered representative alleging claims related to supervision of accounts and investment strategy. Following dismissal, successfully defended against appeal to the Connecticut Supreme Court.

MATTINEN V. KARI, LLC, NO. A19-1976 (MINN. CT. APP. 2020)
Successfully defended appeal of dismissal of lawsuit alleging claims for statutory and common-law fraud in connection with the sale of home.

LANDOW V. BARTLETT, NO. 2:18-CV-499 (D. NEV.)
Successfully obtained dismissal of lawsuit against broker-dealer alleging claims for securities fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, negligence, and breach of contract.

DOUBLE BLACK DIAMOND V. CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS, NO. 27-CV-13-21030 (MINN. DIST. CT.)

Secured a temporary restraining order enjoining the City of Minneapolis from enforcing parking restrictions designed to limit the number of spaces available for patrons to the client's restaurant.

SHEETS V. BERTHEL FISHER & CO. FIN. SERVICES, INC., FINRA ARBITRATION NO. 1600944
Represented broker-dealer and registered representative in arbitration alleging claims for breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, breach of contract, and failure to supervise. After two days of testimony, Claimant voluntarily withdrew claims with prejudice.

J & M DIST., INC. V. HEARTH & HOME TECHS., INC., NO. 13-CV-72 (D. MINN.)
Obtained a unanimous jury verdict in favor of client on claims for civil conspiracy, tortious interference, and alleged violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act. Prior to trial, successfully obtained summary dismissal of claims for unfair competition and alleged violations of the Robinson-Patman Act.

NORD V. BAUER; FINRA ARBITRATION NO. 13-01997
Obtained a pre-hearing dismissal of claims against registered representative and broker-dealer alleging the registered representative had solicited them to purchase promissory notes and equity interests to finance real-estate developments and a local nightclub.

BERTHEL FISHER & COMPANY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. V. FRANDINO, NO. CV-1202165 (D. ARIZ.)
Obtained a preliminary injunction enjoining claimant from continuing to pursue FINRA arbitration against client.

TUCKER V. BERTHEL FISHER & COMPANY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., FINRA ARBITRATION NO. 11-04331
Obtained a complete dismissal of arbitration alleging violations of securities laws, breaches of fiduciary duty, and unlawful recommendation of privately placed securities.

GOVERN V. BERTHEL FISHER & COMPANY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., FINRA ARBITRATION NO. 10-03899
Obtained a complete dismissal of arbitration alleging violations of securities laws, breaches of fiduciary duty, and unlawful recommendation of privately placed securities.

U.S. BANK, N.A. V. MP OPERATING, LLC, NO. 73-CV-10-7965 (MINN. DIST. CT.)
Obtained summary judgment dismissing claims alleging clients were liable on full-recourse personal guaranties in favor of lender.

TATE V. RESTAURANT TECH., INC., NO. 09-CV-02076 (MJD/JJG) (D. MINN.)
Obtained a $12.5 million settlement for plaintiffs in class-action lawsuit alleging breaches of fiduciary duty and tortious conduct in connection with a recapitalization merger.

KROLL V. KROLL, NO. 27-CV-09-3538 (MINN. DIST. CT.)
In a dispute over ownership of a family company, obtained preliminary injunction enjoining squeeze-out merger designed to force client out of the company. Later settled the matter for an undisclosed amount greatly exceeding what client would have received from merger.

BMO CAPITAL MARKETS V. AVALON CAPITAL GROUP, NO. 09-L-3529 (ILL. DIST. CT.)
Obtained dismissal of client from lawsuit alleging fraud and fraudulent concealment in connection with a $150 million securitization transaction.

SPEAKING

- Your Honor, the Robot Said So: Confronting Real- World AI Hypothesis In the Courtroom, Lying, Cheating, & Stealing Seminar 2026 – Moderator, October 2026
- Information Rights and the Escalation of LLC Owner Disputes, MyLaw CLE, June 2026
- A Full, Fair, and Thorough Investigation: The Story of Cinda Collins and her $9.8 Million Arbitration Award, Lying, Cheating & Stealing Seminar 2025, October 2025
- *How to Outsmart the Thief from Within: Countering the Inside Player Who Tries to Take the Business,* Lying, Cheating & Stealing Seminar 2023
- The Tricks and Traps of Arbitration Discovery, Minnesota CLE Webcast, 2019

- Don’t Go Away Mad: Just Go Away – Terms to Consider When Negotiating Business Breakups, Minnesota CLE Webcast, 2014
- A Modernizing SEC: New Rules on Social Media and Private-placement Advertisements
- Accidental Violations of Law – An Unintended Consequence of Utilizing Social Media, panel discussion, 2013
- Shareholder Buy/Sell Agreements, Minnesota State Bar Association Continuing Legal Education’s Documents Made Easy series