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David Lillehaug

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Areas of Expertise

Real estate litigation, white collar and regulatory defense, corporate governance and investigations, alternative dispute resolution, construction, internal investigations

Biography

Former U.S. Attorney David Lillehaug is well-recognized in the Minnesota legal community. His practice focuses primarily on complex litigation, but he assists clients on a variety of sensitive matters at the intersection of law, business, and government.

He has represented three United States Senators. Most recently, he served as lead Minnesota counsel for U.S. Senator Al Franken in an eight-month recount and election contest. He tried and won the seven-week trial before a three-judge panel.

As part of the firm's White Collar and Regulatory Defense Group, and working closely with the firm's Corporate Governance and Investigations Group, Lillehaug deals frequently with the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, Minnesota regulators and administrative agencies, county attorneys, and city attorneys.

Having been the founding chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association's Construction Law Section, Lillehaug continues his long-established construction law practice. As a member of the firm's Real Estate Litigation Group, he represents building owners, contractors, and design professionals in lawsuits, arbitrations, mediations, and governmental proceedings. Lillehaug also is in demand as a mediator.

Pro bono work will always be an important part of Lillehaug's practice. From 2003 to 2008, representing numerous religious institutions, he won three lawsuits attacking the constitutionality of Minnesota's so-called "conceal-carry" handgun law.

Lillehaug earned a BA from Augustana College, summa cum laude, in 1976 and a JD from Harvard University, cum laude, in 1979.