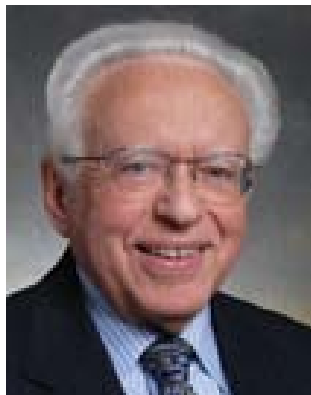


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Allen is a shareholder in Leonard, Street and Deinard Professional Association and a past chair of the firm's Commercial Litigation Practice Group. He concentrates his practice in business and commercial litigation in both state and federal courts.

Allen's business litigation practice includes bankruptcy litigation, bank litigation, legal malpractice defense, trust and estate litigation, white collar crime, and professional disciplinary proceedings. His substantial experience in bankruptcy litigation arises out of his handling of various real estate developments and creditor claims arising from ponzi schemes, including the defense of ponzi scheme "clawback" claims. In addition, he has handled shareholder disputes in closely-held corporations. Recently he represented a prominent family in complex shareholder litigation in Minnesota Federal Court, and more recently obtained a judgment for more than \$26 million against a Florida real estate developer in a Federal Court in Florida. Allen has also represented defendants in complex hostile takeover litigation and has successfully defended

major financial institutions and their officers. Most recently, he has handled a large family trust litigation in Minnesota Federal District Court, and prevailed in a large, contentious fraud case in South Dakota. Allen is certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association.

Allen has also conducted corporate internal investigations and has often lectured for CLE (ADR, Ethics, etc.). He has served as a Special Master for the Hennepin County District Court and he has served as an AAA arbitrator for many years.

Education

- J.D., University of Minnesota Law School, 1956 (Order of the Coif)
- B.S. Law, University of Minnesota, 1954

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- Seventh, Eighth, Eleventh and Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals
- U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. Supreme Court

Judicial Clerkship

- Hon. Theodore Christianson and Hon. William P. Murphy, Minn. Sup. Court, 1955-56

Related Experience

- Assistant U.S. Attorney, Dist. of Minnesota 1956-1957
- Gov't Appellate Section, U.S. Army JAGC 1957-1960

Professional Activities

- Member, Academy of Court Appointed Masters
- Initial Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board 1970-1975
- Chair, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Advisory Council 1976-1978
- State Bar Chair and Co-Founder Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Program 1982-1983
- Hennepin County Bar Association, President 1983-1984
- Chair, Minn. Lawyer (IOLTA) Trust Account Board 1984-1987
- Member, ABA Commission on IOLTA 1990-1993
- Board of Directors, 1992-2009 (Chair, 1997-1998) The Fund for the Legal Aid Society
- American Bar Association, (Litigation Section)
- Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Federal Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Co-Founder Minn. Sup. Ct. Historical Society

Honors and Distinctions

- The Fund for the Legal Aid Society *Law Day Testimonial Award* 1996
- City of Minneapolis *Award for Community Service* 1996
- Cardozo Society Lifetime Commitment Award 2001
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in Business Litigation and Professional Malpractice; *Minnesota Law & Politics* “*Super Lawyer*” (in Business Litigation), *Who’s Who in American Law* and *Who’s Who in America*
- Qualified Neutral (arbitrator) under Rule 114 Minnesota General Rules of Practice
- *Minnesota Lawyer Attorney of the Year Award for Outstanding Service to the Profession* 2008
- Hennepin County Bar *Professional Award* 2008
- Chair, Minnesota Supreme Court *Advisory Committee to Evaluate the Disciplinary System* 2007-2008

Practice

- Business and Commercial Litigation
- Banking Litigation
- Creditor’s Rights
- Professional Responsibility/Ethics
- Trust and Estate Litigation
- White Collar Crime