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EMPLOYMENT

BRETT W. OLANDER, ESQ. 2012-present

- Facilitate all types of ADR including Mediation and Arbitration of cases involving torts, insurance, and other civil matters
- Civil litigation related to torts, insurance, and commercial matters
- Legislative activity related to Insurance and Civil Litigation

BRETT W. OLANDER & ASSOCIATES

STATE FARM INSURANCE MANAGING COUNSEL 1994-2012

- Review and assign all incoming insurance coverage and other litigation in Minnesota and Wisconsin
- Manage all personnel related matters
- Coordinate all client development
- Personally, handle coverage litigation and other third-party Defense matters and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Prepare and submit annual budget for law firm
- Legislative activity and testimony related to Litigation and Insurance

JARDINE, LOGAN & O'BRIEN

PARTNER 1991-1994

- Human Resources Committee
- Client Development Committee

ASSOCIATE 1985-1990

INVESTIGATOR 1981-1984

HONORS	AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell	1992-present
	Best Lawyers in America—Mediation and Arbitration	2022-present
	Civil Trial Specialist Certified by the Minnesota State Bar Association	1992-present
	National Board of Trial Advocacy-State (MN) Coordinator	2007-2010
	Super Lawyer – MN Law and Politics/Thomson Reuters (Top 100—2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)	1999-present
	Twin Cities Business/Mpls/St. Paul Magazine	
	Leading American Attorney	1999-present
	American Research Corp.	
	Top Minnesota Attorney/Minnesota Monthly Magazine	2021-present
	American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)	2001-present
	Fellow, American College of Civil Trial Mediators	2019-present
	Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America (LCA)	2021-present
	Adjunct Professor, William Mitchell College of Law	2009-2013
	Adjunct Professor, University of St. Thomas Law School	2011-2017
Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota Law School	2014-present	

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE	State of Minnesota	1985
	State of Wisconsin	1988
	U.S. District Court Minnesota	1985
	U.S. Court of Appeals 8th Circuit	1985
	State of Minnesota	
	Authorized ADR Neutral	1992-present
	American Arbitration Association	
	Arbitrator/No-Fault Disputes	1990-present
	Ramsey County Conciliation Court	
	Referee	1991-2005
	Hennepin County District Court	
	Arbitrator and Referee	1990-2000

EDUCATION	William Mitchell College of Law	
	J.D. 1985	
	University of Minnesota	
	B.A. 1981 - double major, History and Speech Communication	

MEMBERSHIPS/ ASSOCIATIONS	American Bar Association	
	-ADR Practice Section	
	Minnesota State Bar Association	
	-Civil Litigation Section Governing Council—Past Chair	1994-2010
	-Civil Trial Certification Board – Past Chair 2009 - 2016	1996-present
	Legal Directory for Reporters--	
	Personal Injury Defense	1996-present
	Wisconsin State Bar Association	
	Ramsey County Bar Association	
	-Board of Directors 2006-2009	
	Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association	1985-2012
	American Association of Justice - Associate	1985-2012
	Minnesota Association of Justice – Associate	2006-2012
	Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota	
	-Board of Directors	1995-present
-President/Dean	1999-2000	
Minnesota Board of Legal Certification—Board Chair 2005-07	2000-2007	
Minnesota Board of Continuing Legal Education	2012-2016	

ARTICLES SEMINARS AND WRITINGS	Ethics: Supervising the Non-Lawyer with Martin Cole,	
	Director, MN Lawyers Board	2010
	Appearing Before the 9/11 Commission, MN Paralegal Annual Meeting	
	NBI The Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Bodily Injury Claims	2014
	Torts, Litigation and Ethics Annual Seminar	2010-2023
	NBI Effectively Handling Various Insurance Subrogation Liens	2013
	Uninsured, Underinsured and No Fault	
	Bodily Injury Case Law Update-MSBA	2010, 2011
	MSBA & Thomson West Publishing – Bad Faith Update	2009
	State Farm MN & WI Legislation Update	2000-2012
	State Farm Fire Claims Casualty Seminar	
	Workers Compensation Strategies	2009
	Premises Liability Issues	2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012
	Bad Faith Insurance Legislative Update	
	Defense Perspective (MAJ)	2008
	State Farm Claims	2008, 2009
	MSBA Net-Op Bad Faith Discussion	2008
NBI Complex Settlement Techniques	2009	

Settling UM, UIM Claims	
State Farm No Fault Claims Seminar	1996-2011
Legal Developments and Specialists Use in Minnesota Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Claims (Audio-- Only program) (West Legal Ed. Center)	2007
MSBA Civil Trial Specialists Seminar-Torts in the Courts Case Law Update	2004-present
Settling Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Claims National Business Institute (NBI)	2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
ADR: The Law the Process the Practice Seminar (MTLA/MAJ)	2006, 2007, 2008
MSBA Civil Trial Specialists Seminar – Technology In the Courtroom (MSBA)	2005
MSBA Civil Litigation Section Annual Meeting And CLE—Experiences with 9/11 Arbitrations	2005
Insurance Law Institute---Homeowners Insurance Update (ADLE)	2003
Medical School for Lawyers – Examining and Cross Examining Experts (ADLE)	2002
Complete ADR Course (MILE)	2002
William Mitchell College of Law Guest Lecturer – Professionalism Course “Conflict of Interest”	2002
Article — “Lawyer Solicitation in the States” MSBA – Civil Litigation News	2001
UM/UIM Case Law Update Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota (ACTLM) Annual Seminar	2001
Case Law Update – Aggravation Instruction - 91.40 And Handling Claims after <u>Schiebel</u> – State Farm Auto Claims Management	2001
MILE – Minnesota No-Fault Seminar – Indemnity Claims from the Personal Lines Insurer’s Perspective	2000
Defense Perspective – Complete Insurance Law Seminar (MTLA)	2000
Insurance Coverage for Rental and Loaner Vehicles State Farm Claims	2000
Minnesota No-Fault; Relationship between Workers’ Compensation and No-Fault Benefits (MILE)	2000
Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota - New Minnesota Jury Instructions (JIG IV)	1999
No-Fault Case Law Primer State Farm Auto Claim Trainees	1999
MILE Insurance Law Seminar – Duties of Primary Carrier to Excess Carrier	1999
Trial and Appeal Procedures – State Farm	1999

Auto Bodily Injury Seminar	
Minnesota No-Fault; Self-Employed Wage Loss Claims (MILE)	1999
Minnesota No-Fault-Defense of No-Fault Claims (MILE)	1998
The Duty to Defend	
State Farm Fire Claim Management	1998
Complete Insurance Law Seminar: Defense Perspective (MTLA)	1998
The Jury of the 21 st Century--	1998
Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota (ACTLM)	
Diminution in Value Claims/Legal Update - State Farm	
Auto North Claim Management	1997
Pet Law - Beyond the Bite and Property Claims - Minnesota Institute of Legal Education (MILE)	1997
Low Impact Accidents---Soft-Tissue Injuries All District Legal Education (ADLE)	1997
The Complete Insurance Law Course: No-Fault, UM and UIM Law - Defense Perspective	
Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)	1997
Legal Analysis of Self-Employed Wage Loss Claims under the Minnesota No-Fault Act--	
State Farm Auto Rural Claims	1996
Expert Depositions Instruction	
Minnesota Advocacy Institute (MSBA-MAI)	1996
Legal Analysis of Liability/Attorneys Role in Litigation--State Farm Fire and Casualty--	
Casualty Claim Seminar	1996
Depositions Instructor	
Minnesota Advocacy Institute (MSBA-MAI)	1995
Alternative Dispute Resolution Training Seminar	
State Farm Auto--Effective Cross Examination	1995
Comparative Fault and the Rules of The Road	
State Farm Minnesota Metro and Rural Claims	1995
State Farm Minnesota Metro Claims	1999
State Farm Auto Claims	2000, 2002, 2004
State Farm PIP Claims	2001
Alternative Dispute Resolution - Panacea or Pitfall	
Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota (ACTLM)	1995
Depositions Instructor	
Minnesota Advocacy Institute (MSBA-MAI)	1994
Insurance Defense in the 90's	
Minnesota Continuing Legal Education Civil Litigation Institute (MSBA-CLE)	1994
Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Fourth Judicial District	1994
Counseling Ethics/Preparation for Trial	
Minnesota Rehabilitation Counseling Association	

Fall Conference	1994
Landowner Liability/To Settle or Not to Settle State Farm Fire and Casualty Company Releases Used in Minnesota	1994
State Farm Auto	1999
State Farm Auto	1998
State Farm Auto	1995
State Farm Fire and Casualty Company	1994
"State of the State" Address--Legislative Update	
CIGNA/Intracorp Claim Seminar	1993
Civil Jury Selection--Strategies, Theories and Techniques Ramsey County Bar Association (RCBA)	1993
Workers' Compensation Update Jardine, Logan & O'Brien 1993 Spring Seminar	1993
Third Party Liability Lumberman's Underwriting Alliance	1992
Automobile Law Update Jardine, Logan & O'Brien 1992 Fall Seminar	1992
Recent Legal Developments Twin City Claims Seminar	1991
Minnesota No-Fault Update Safeco Insurance Cos.	1991
Article--"Discovery of Defendants' Physical Condition" MSBA Civil Litigation News	1990
Lambertson Liability Kemper Insurance Cos.	1989
Temporary Partial Disability--Summary of Recent Case Law Jardine, Logan & O'Brien 1987 Spring Seminar	1987
Underinsured Motorist Claims Farmers Insurance Group	1987
Cumulative Case Law Summaries	1989-present

PRO BONO

Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services	1985-present
-Board of Directors	
-President and Board Chair	2018-present

EXPERIENCE

-Tried over 300 cases involving jury trials and court trials.
 -Appeared in Federal Court, Minnesota, and Wisconsin State Courts, Minnesota Supreme Court, Minnesota Court of Appeals, Wisconsin Court of Appeals, Minnesota Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals.
 -Numerous published and unpublished Minnesota and Wisconsin Appellate Court Decisions.

- Before admission, worked as an investigator preparing cases for trial and settlement
- Since admission primarily handled, personal injury, automobile/No-Fault, product liability, insurance coverage, employment and commercial litigation, securities litigation, and workers' compensation matters.
- 2006, 2007-Testified before the Minnesota Joint House and Senate Commerce Committee concerning insurance reform.
- 2009-Testified before the Minnesota Senate Finance Committee related to civil justice.
- 2009-Testified before the Minnesota Senate Judiciary Committee related to civil justice
- Frequently selected by parties to litigation as mediator or arbitrator.