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**Wednesday & Thursday, June 25-26, 2025**  
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 600 Nicollet Mall, Suite 370, Third Floor City Center, Minneapolis

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**JUNE 25-26, 2025**

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The 2025  
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**Working Together to Thrive in 2025!**

**DON'T MISS:**

- Keynote by U.S. Supreme Court Advocate Colleen Roh Sinzdak
- Presentations by Chief Justice Natalie E. Hudson and Ramsey County Attorney John Choi
- Essential Federal and State Case Law Updates
- Roundtables on Advertising, DEI, and Record-Setting Verdicts
- Guidance for Managing Mental Health and Substance Use
- President's Reception on Dayton's Summer Terrace

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# THE 2025 MSBA CONVENTION

Working Together to Thrive in 2025!

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER COLLEEN ROH SINZDAK

Colleen Roh Sinzduk is an appellate partner at Milbank LLP. Until March of this year, she was an Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States. In that role, she argued eleven cases before the Supreme Court, including cases like *Amgen v. Sanofi* (about the scope of patent law's enablement requirement); and *Cummings v. Premier Rehab* (about the scope of damages under the Civil Rights statutes). She also handled the briefing for cases such as *NetChoice v. Moody and Paxton* (about the First Amendment standard that applies to social media platforms). She worked closely with former Solicitors General Elizabeth Prelogar and Noel Francisco, as well as Acting Solicitors General Sarah Harris, Brian Fletcher, and Jeff Wall. Colleen previously served as an associate and then partner in the appellate practice at Hogan Lovells, and as a law clerk in the Supreme Court to Chief Justice John Roberts and in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to then judge, and previous Attorney General, Merrick Garland. Colleen earned a bachelor's degree from Columbia University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School, both summa cum laude. She also studied English Literature at the University of Cambridge and served as a high school English teacher for several years before law school.



### CHIEF JUSTICE NATALIE E. HUDSON

Natalie E. Hudson was appointed Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court in October 2023. She first joined the Supreme Court in 2015 after serving on the Minnesota Court of Appeals from 2002 to 2015. From 1994 until her appointment to the Court of Appeals, she was employed with the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General in the Criminal Appellate Division.



### RAMSEY COUNTY ATTORNEY JOHN CHOI

John Choi is the Ramsey County Attorney and Co-Chair of the American Bar Association Prosecutorial Independence Task Force. He was elected Ramsey County Attorney in 2011. Since taking office he has become a state and national leader in progressive justice reform, working with public officials and impacted communities to reimagine justice. Prior to becoming Ramsey County Attorney John served as city attorney for the City of Saint Paul and spent a decade in private practice.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.  
CHECK-IN & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:45 – 8:55 a.m.

### President's Welcome

– Samuel J. Edmunds  
MSBA President  
Sieben Edmunds Miller PLLC  
Eagan

8:55 – 9:00 a.m.

### Introduction of Keynote Speaker

– Justice Karl C. Procaccini  
Minnesota Supreme Court  
Saint Paul

9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

#### Deliberation, Consensus, and Dissent: What the Supreme Court Can Teach Us About Navigating Partisan Divides

– Colleen Roh Sinzduk  
Milbank LLP  
Washington, District of Columbia

9:45 – 9:50 a.m. BREAK

9:50 – 10:20 a.m.

#### The Importance of Preserving the Rule of Law and Prosecutorial Independence

– John Choi  
Ramsey County Attorney  
Saint Paul

10:20 – 10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

#### 2025 U.S. Supreme Court Update and Insights

– Aaron D. Van Oort  
Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP  
Minneapolis

11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

### ED TALKS – Taking Care of Our Communities and Colleagues

#### My Fight to Save Family Farms

– Sonja Trom Eayrs  
Fox Rothschild  
Minneapolis

#### Lawyers Who Study Together Thrive Together

– Rachel T. Schromen  
Schromen Law, LLC  
Saint Paul

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

### LUNCH & LUNCH PRESENTATION

Lunch provided to all attendees.

12:05 – 12:35 p.m.

### State of the Judiciary Address

– Chief Justice Natalie E. Hudson  
Minnesota Supreme Court  
Saint Paul

12:45 – 1:30 p.m.

#### The Inside Stories of Two Recent High Verdict Cases: Litigation Lessons from *Willis Electric v. Polygroup* and *Thapa v. St. Cloud Orthopedic Associates*

– Patrick M. Arenz  
Robins Kaplan LLP  
Minneapolis

– Brandon E. Thompson  
Ciresi Conlin LLP  
Minneapolis

1:30 – 1:35 p.m. BREAK

1:35 – 2:05 p.m.

### ED TALKS – Taking Care of Our Mental and Physical Health

#### Staying Centered Through Yoga, Meditation, and Mindfulness

– Matthew J. Foli  
Guaranty Commercial Title, Inc.  
Minneapolis

#### How to Win Big – Never Giving Up, in Curling and in Court

– Richard A. Ruohonen  
TSR Injury Law  
Minneapolis

2:05 – 2:15 p.m. BREAK

2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

#### What Passed and What Didn't Pass – The 2025 Legislative Update

– Bryan Lake  
The Law Office of Bryan Lake, PLLC  
Minneapolis

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

#### Braver Angels Minnesota – Working to Heal Our Political Divide

– Bruce MacKenzie  
Braver Angels  
Minneapolis

3:30 – 3:45 p.m. BREAK

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

#### Managing Stress Mindfully

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– Patricia K. Beck  
A Balanced Practice LLC  
Saint Paul

4:45 p.m.

#### President's Reception and Passing of the Gavel Ceremony on the Summer Terrace of The Dayton's Project

– Samuel J. Edmunds, MSBA President  
– Thomas R. Pack, Incoming MSBA President

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#### Register for a chance to win a "Twin Cities Staycation"

A \$500 gift certificate to The Hotel Ivy in Minneapolis

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## THURSDAY, JUNE 26

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 – 9:05 a.m.  
ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTIONS

– Thomas R. Pack  
Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP  
San Francisco

9:05 – 9:50 a.m.

#### 2025 Minnesota Appellate Case Law Update

– Justice Theodora K. Gaitas  
Minnesota Supreme Court  
Saint Paul

– Justice Sarah E. Hennesy  
Minnesota Supreme Court  
Saint Paul

– Chief Judge Jennifer L. Frisch  
Minnesota Court of Appeals  
Saint Paul

– Judge Keala C. Ede  
Minnesota Court of Appeals  
Saint Paul

9:50 – 10:00 a.m. BREAK

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

#### A Brief and Balanced Look at the Legal Impacts of the Early Months of the Second Trump Administration

– Alexander P. Hontos  
Dorsey & Whitney LLP  
Minneapolis

10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

#### Practice Management Roundtable – Minnesota Lawyers Share Insights on Advertising Strategy

– Michael A. Bryant  
Bradshaw & Bryant PLLC  
Golden Valley

– R. Leigh Frost  
Sapientia Law Group  
Minneapolis

– James R. Schwebel  
Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben  
Minneapolis

– Eric T. Cooperstein (moderator)  
Law Office of Eric T. Cooperstein PLLC  
Minneapolis

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. BREAK

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

#### Where Do We Go From Here? – A Roundtable Discussion of the Changing DEI Landscape

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– James C. Burroughs  
Children's Minnesota  
Minneapolis

– Amran A. Farah  
Greene Espel PLLC  
Minneapolis

– Tadd M. Johnson  
University of Minnesota  
Duluth

– Marko J. Mrkonich  
Littler Mendelson PC  
Minneapolis

– Thomas R. Pack (moderator)  
Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP  
San Francisco

### PRIZE DRAWING

#### Register for a Chance to Win a "Greater Minnesota Get-Away"

A \$1,000 gift certificate to Grandview Lodge in Nisswa

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