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Stephen Earnest is an associate in the professional liability practice group. He represents a variety of professionals, including attorneys, insurance and real estate agents, private contractors, and engineers, in pre-suit negotiations, litigation, and administrative proceedings before state and municipal regulatory agencies. Before joining Thompson Coe, he worked as an assistant city attorney in the Saint Paul City Attorney's Office.

Background

Stephen is originally from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Outside of work, he enjoys a busy life with his wife, Rachael, and two sons, Nolan and Nathaniel.

Representative Experience

Successfully obtained summary judgment for an insurance agency on contractual and extracontractual claims in a dispute regarding property damage from Winter Storm Uri. The court held that the insured failed to produce any competent summary judgment evidence that the agency misrepresented the insured's property insurance coverage.

Successfully obtained dismissals of multiple administrative complaints and grievances filed against property management companies, real estate and insurance agents, and attorneys.

Successfully obtained summary judgment for an insurance agent on contractual and extracontractual claims in a contentious dispute regarding fire damage to a commercial property. The court held that the plaintiff's claims were barred by the statute of limitations.

Successfully obtained dismissal of a federal complaint filed against a private contractor for the United States Drug Enforcement Administration on the grounds that the complaint failed to allege a cognizable Bivens

claim. The court's holding was subsequently affirmed on appeal by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Related Services

Governmental Entities and Civil Rights Defense

Professional Liability

Publications & Speaking Engagements

Ain't No Taxing High Enough: Using Land Value Taxation to Combat the Nation's Rental Affordability Crisis

Minnesota Journal of Law & Inequality

2021

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Law School

J.D., 2021

Saeks Public Interest Fellow

Coastal Carolina University

B.A., cum laude, 2017

Pi Sigma Alpha

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas

2023

Minnesota

2021

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court of Texas

Eastern and Southern