

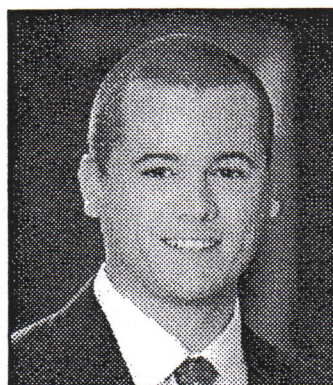
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W. Knapp Fitzsimmons *Briggs and Morgan, PA* **Private Practice Award**

W. Knapp Fitzsimmons is an attorney at Briggs and Morgan, P.A. Knapp was born and raised in Hickory, North Carolina and graduated from Wake Forest University in 2007. During college, Knapp studied abroad in Sevilla, Spain, where he met his wife, Dani, who is from Minnesota and is also an attorney at Briggs and Morgan. Knapp received his law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in 2010.

After law school, Knapp joined the Business Litigation Section at Briggs and Morgan, where he works at the firm's Minneapolis office. He practices primarily in the areas of banking litigation, real estate and construction litigation, and general commercial litigation.

Knapp is actively involved in pro bono activities. In 2011, he began providing pro bono representation to participants in the Ramsey County Mental Health Court, together with colleagues Ankoor Bagchi and Michael Wilhelm. He continues to volunteer with the Mental Health Court today. Knapp took a great interest in alternative criminal courts during law school when he served as an extern to the Honorable Gregg Johnson, who helped establish and was the first presiding judge of the Ramsey County Mental Health Court.

In his free time, Knapp enjoys cooking Spanish tapas, collecting and listening to vinyl records, and spending time with his golden retrievers. Knapp is also an avid European soccer fan and, as his wife would attest, devotes far too much time watching F.C. Barcelona matches.

Alan Maclin *Briggs and Morgan, PA* **Private Practice Award**

Alan Maclin is president of the firm of Briggs and Morgan, P.A., as well as a member of the firm's Management Committee and Board of Directors. As the former chair of the firm's litigation department, his practice involves class action defense and complex commercial litigation; antitrust and trade regulation; defense of government enforcement actions and investigations; and complex trust and estates litigation. He has served as lead counsel in defending a number of groundbreaking class actions challenging various mortgage banking practices. Prior to joining Briggs, Mr. Maclin served as Special Assistant Attorney General for Minnesota from 1974 to 1980, where he headed the Antitrust and Commerce Divisions.

While Mr. Maclin's personal efforts in regard to pro bono have been impressive and extensive, it is his constant and innovative support for pro bono activities at Briggs and Morgan that is the reason he is being honored tonight. Briggs

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and Morgan has a long history of commitment to pro bono but this history has been strengthened and rejuvenated under Mr. Maclin's leadership as president of the firm. Without the support of law firm leadership for projects such as the Ramsey County Mental Health Court Clinic, pro bono activities can become lost in the shuffle. Mr. Maclin has set a high standard of pro bono leadership for his firm.

Mr. Maclin is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the Litigation Counsel of America, a trial lawyer honorary society. He is also a member of the Civil Litigation Section and the Antitrust Section (of which he was chair from 1999 to 2001) of the Minnesota State Bar Association, the Antitrust and Litigation Sections of the American Bar Association, and the State Bar of Wisconsin. He recently served on the board of directors for Children's Law Center in St. Paul and Advocates for Human Rights. He sits on advisory boards with Volunteer Lawyers Network and Minnesota Women Lawyers. He was named "Attorney of the Year" by Minnesota Lawyer in 2011. He also has been named a "Leading American Attorney" and a "Leading Minnesota Attorney." Mr. Maclin has been repeatedly selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America and Minnesota Super Lawyers, and has been designated as a "top 40" business litigator by Minnesota Super Lawyers.

Mr. Maclin received his undergraduate degree magna cum laude from Vanderbilt University in 1971 and his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School in 1974.

Michael Wilhelm *Briggs and Morgan, PA* **Private Practice Award**

Michael Wilhelm is an attorney at Briggs and Morgan, P.A. Michael grew up in the Twin Cities. He graduated from Augsburg College with a major in philosophy in 2004. He received his law degree from the University of Iowa in 2007.

After law school, Michael began working at Briggs and Morgan, P.A. in Minneapolis. Michael is in the Employment, Benefits, and Labor group at Briggs. He focuses his practice on employment litigation and counseling as well as business litigation.

In 2010, Michael provided pro bono representation to an individual who was civilly committed to the Minnesota Sex Offender Program in a federal jury trial. The jury awarded Michael's client over \$400,000 in damages for violations of his due process rights related to a 46-day imprisonment in solitary confinement. After winning the case, Michael was named an "Attorney of the Year" by Minnesota Lawyer and received a Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award from Chief Judge Michael Davis of the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

Ankoor Bagchi *Briggs and Morgan, PA* **Private Practice Award**

Ankoor Bagchi received his B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and his law degree, with honors, from Chicago-Kent College of Law. He joined Briggs and Morgan in 2009.

While at Briggs and Morgan, Mr. Bagchi has assisted in matters involving discrimination charges based on race, national origin, sex and disability; shareholder disputes in closely-held corporations; disciplinary proceedings in front of various state agencies; and employment counseling with regards to wage-and-hour issues, separation agreements, employee handbooks and employment compensation.

In 2011, Briggs & Morgan partnered with Ramsey County Mental Health Court (RCMHC) to provide pro bono legal services to criminal defendants accepted into the program. With the help of other Briggs attorneys, Mr. Bagchi volunteered to provide this much-needed representation.

Mr. Bagchi served his clients as both an advocate and counselor. He has been instrumental in the impressive improvement in the lives of his RCMHC clients, which in turn has improved community and public safety in Ramsey County. These pro bono services demonstrate the great collaboration of the courts and the bar for the public good.