



## Charles H. Becker

### Partner

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### Overview

Charlie is a senior partner at Meagher + Geer. He focuses his practice on the defense of mass tort/toxic tort cases, with a particular emphasis in asbestos litigation. He has practiced in the area of toxic tort litigation for almost 40 years.

Over the years, Charlie has served as local and regional trial counsel as well as national coordinating counsel for companies involved in asbestos personal injury and property damage litigation.

In addition, Charlie has defended manufacturers and distributors in other types of toxic tort litigation, involving products including benzene, latex, lead paint, polyurethanes and silica. He is a member of the Toxic and Hazardous Substance Committee of the International Association of Defense Counsel.

Because of his experience and reputation, Charlie is on the “approved” list of most major commercial insurance carriers. His clients range in size from Fortune 500 companies to small family-owned businesses.

Outside the office, Charlie is on the board of the Eden Prairie Baseball Association. He coaches baseball, participates in the sporting activities of his three children, and looks forward to concentrating on his golf game once they are all in college.

### Education

- ◆ University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., 1980
- ◆ University of St. Thomas, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1977

### Services

- ◆ Commercial Litigation
- ◆ Life Sciences
- ◆ Mass Tort/Toxic Tort
- ◆ Products Liability
- ◆ Safety, Toxic Tort & Environmental
- ◆ Insurance
  - ◇ Insurance - Bad Faith
  - ◇ Insurance Coverage
  - ◇ Insurance - Reinsurance

### State Bar Admissions

- ◆ Minnesota, 1980

### Federal Court Admissions

- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 1985
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, 1989
- ◆ United States District Court, District of Minnesota, 1981



## Experience

### Professional Affiliations

- ◆ Minnesota State Bar Association
- ◆ Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
- ◆ Hennepin County Bar Association
- ◆ Defense Research Institute
- ◆ International Association of Defense Counsel
  - ◇ Toxic and Hazardous Substance Committee
  - ◇ Fidelity and Surety Committee (former member)
- ◆ International Society of Barristers
- ◆ Member, Meagher + Geer Management Committee, 1997-2002

### Community Involvement

- ◆ Board member, Eden Prairie Baseball Association (2005-present)
- ◆ Youth baseball coach, Eden Prairie Baseball Association (2003-present)

## Notable

### Accolades

- ◆ Selected as a "2014 Top-Rated Lawyer in Personal Injury Defense Law" by The American Lawyer & Corporate Counsel magazine and Martindale-Hubbell™
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions-Defendants, 2012-2021
- ◆ Member, International Society of Barristers, an honor society of outstanding trial lawyers chosen by their peers on the basis of excellence and integrity in advocacy
- ◆ Listed in Minnesota Super Lawyers® (top 5% of lawyers, selected by peers), 2005
- ◆ Awarded the highest possible Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating, AV® Preeminent™ (AV is a registered certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies)