



ABOUT RK ALUMNI CONNECT

RK Alumni Connect is a networking group for current and former Robins Kaplan attorneys. We provide forums for learning and professional development, an alumni website, CLE opportunities, development and training, community service activities, diversity and inclusion programming, pro bono opportunities, and networking and social events.

Visit us on [LinkedIn](#) or our [RK Alumni Connect](#) web page to stay current on updates from Robins Kaplan, get news about former colleagues, and receive information on a variety of legal developments, as we continue to build years of friendships.



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Greetings! Welcome back to another edition of RK Alumni Connect, the newsletter that aims to reconnect, inform, and celebrate the accomplishments of our extended legal community.

In the following pages, we are excited to highlight firm news, including recent firm successes, pro bono work, and past and upcoming events.

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FIRM NEWS

13 PARTNERS SELECTED TO LAWDRAGON 500 LEADING PLAINTIFF CONSUMER LAWYERS GUIDE

Robins Kaplan LLP is pleased to announce that 13 partners have been named to the 2025 “Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyers in America” guide. This guide recognizes elite plaintiff attorneys across the United States who bring justice to those harmed by violations of consumer rights.

[Read more here.](#)

ROBINS KAPLAN’S ANTITRUST CLASS ACTION PRACTICE RECOGNIZED AS LEADER IN THE FIELD FOR SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Robins Kaplan LLP is pleased to announce that the firm received top rankings in the recent Antitrust Annual Report produced by The Huntington National Bank and the Center for Litigation and Courts at UC Hastings College of Law.

[Read more here.](#)

FOURTEEN ROBINS KAPLAN ATTORNEYS NAMED 2024 ATTORNEYS OF THE YEAR BY MINNESOTA LAWYER

Robins Kaplan LLP is pleased to announce that fourteen attorneys have been named 2024 Attorneys of the Year by *Minnesota Lawyer*, recognizing their exceptional leadership, involvement in significant and noteworthy cases, and commitment to public service.

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PRACTICE HIGHLIGHTS

The firm continues its track record of success both inside and outside of the courtroom. Here are highlights from our recent wins:



ROBINS KAPLAN SECURES \$2.75 MILLION SETTLEMENT IN JAIL DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE CASE

In February 2025, Robins Kaplan LLP announced a \$2.75 million settlement for its client Deyonta Green, who was denied access to critical healthcare while incarcerated at Anoka County Jail, leading to severe and long-lasting injuries.

[Read more here.](#)

ROBINS KAPLAN FILES LAWSUIT ALLEGING PFIZER AND OTHERS FAILED TO WARN OF BRAIN TUMOR RISKS LINKED TO CONTRACEPTIVE DEPO-PROVERA

Robins Kaplan LLP has filed a complaint on behalf of a woman who developed a meningioma - a type of brain tumor - after using Depo-Provera, a commonly prescribed birth control shot. The complaint names Pfizer, Viatris, Greenstone, Prasco, and Pharmacia & Upjohn as defendants, accusing the pharmaceutical companies of failing to adequately warn patients about the potential increased risk of developing meningiomas associated with the medication.

[Read more here.](#)

ROBINS KAPLAN OBTAINS \$10.5 MILLION POST-VERDICT IN LANDMARK AEROSOL DUST REMOVER ABUSE CASE

Building on the landmark \$7.75 million verdict secured in April 2024, Robins Kaplan LLP has achieved a total judgment of nearly \$10.5 million against CRC Industries for failing to prevent the foreseeable misuse of its aerosol dust remover products.

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PRO BONO

PRO BONO REPRESENTATION HELPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT WITH DISABILITIES

In partnership with Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid's Special Education *Pro Bono* Project, the firm represented a student during her third- and fourth-grade years in seeking modifications to her IEP to address her need for specific disability accommodations. This student's mother had consistently been a zealous advocate on the student's behalf, but was running into barriers with the school district, even with the help of various advocacy groups. Through representing this student, we were able to ensure that meaningful changes were made to the IEP to properly reflect the student's needs while also helping bridge communication gaps between the parent and the school district, setting the stage for what will hopefully be continued success. We stayed on as this student started her fourth-grade school year, and after the first half of the school year, there was demonstrable improvement in all areas. We are proud to have represented this student, worked with her passionate and committed mother, and hopefully helped lay the foundation for future collaboration between the district and family.

OPPORTUNITIES, TRAININGS & CLINICS

[Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid's Special Education Project](#) (Minnesota): Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid is looking for volunteers to represent students by advocating for their educational needs in accordance with state and federal law, assisting families with Minnesota Department of Education complaints, and defending students' rights in expulsion hearings.

[Advocates for Disaster Justice](#) (Nationwide): Provide legal assistance to individuals impacted by natural disasters with the support and resources of Advocates for Disaster Justice.

[Immigration Justice Campaign](#) (Nationwide): Remotely represent detained immigrants and immigrants seeking asylum through the Immigration Justice Campaign.



STAY CONNECTED

EVENTS



2025 BLACK HISTORY MONTH - A DISCUSSION WITH ATTORNEY AND AUTHOR JEFFREY HASSAN

On February 27, 2025, alumni and firm members gathered both in-person at the Minneapolis office and online to hear from Jeffrey Hassan, attorney and author, as he led an informative session on the history and progress of Black lawyers in Minnesota. He was joined by Robins Kaplan partner B. Todd Jones, and together they discussed some of the powerful stories of Black attorneys captured in the book—the challenges they faced, their triumphs, and their contributions to both the legal field and the community. Hassan's book is titled, ["The Black Lawyer in Minnesota 1973-2023: A Story of Firsts and Those Who Made a Difference."](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

2025 MINNEAPOLIS SUMMER OUTING - MINNESOTA TWINS GAME

On June 10, 2025, Minneapolis firm members and alumni are invited for a night at Target Field to watch the Minnesota Twins take on the Texas Rangers. If you are interested in attending, please fill out this [form](#) to RSVP.

We are working on more exciting programming for 2025. Stay tuned!



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