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PRACTICE GROUP

- Litigation
- Inheritance Litigation & Will Contest

Trevor assists clients in a wide array of personal and business legal disputes. Whether evaluating legal options prior to suit, litigating a multi-million-dollar inheritance dispute, pursuing a claim on behalf of a company for breach of contract, or defending a business against false or exaggerated claims, Trevor prides himself on zealously advocating for his clients' interests while remaining empathetic and clearly communicating throughout the entire process. He understands that many of his clients have not been through the legal process and this can be a stressful and traumatic experience for them.

Having grown up in a large family in rural Wisconsin before attending undergraduate college in Eau Claire, law school in Madison, and settling down in Milwaukee with his wife and young son, Trevor has a unique ability to relate to his clients regardless of where they live, what they do, and what circumstances they find themselves in.

Trevor Assists Clients With

- Fiduciary representation, including representing a trustee of a trust, power of attorney, or Personal Representative of an estate
- Pursuing claims against a fiduciary who has taken wrongful action
- Estate Litigation
- Trust Litigation
- Inheritance Litigation
- Will and Trust Contests
- Commercial Litigation
- Commercial Construction Disputes
- Commercial Landlord/Tenant Disputes

Experience/Representative Client Work

As a key member of the firm's trust and inheritance litigation group, Trevor has assisted dozens of clients through difficult situations that often involve emotional family dynamics. Trevor is honored to defend legacies, whether of the client him or herself, or through a loved one after somebody has died. Trevor has assisted his clients in disputes involving estates that include the family home and multi-million dollar estates with complex and varied holdings. His work has included the following:

- Defending a mother in her 80s who was grantor and trustee of her trust in a trust action pursued by her son making wrongful allegations against her.
- Pursuing a civil claim on behalf of a client in his 90s against his child for his son wrongfully titling a property to a trust wherein the son was the beneficiary, as opposed to it being his client's trust, as was promised.

- Representing a trustee of a trust to uphold the terms of the trust and negotiating the resolution and final distribution of the trust with her brother, who was a beneficiary represented by an attorney.
- Representing a beneficiary of a trust in pursuing relief and claims against a trustee.
- Pursuing claims to have a trust, trust amendment, will, or will codicil declared void on the basis of lack of capacity or undue influence, particularly when elder financial abuse appears to have led to a drastic change to an estate plan.
- Pursuing claims against a financial power of attorney or trustee for wrongful conversion of funds.
- Representing an Estate through its Personal Representative in pursuing claims on behalf of a person who has died.

Professional Associations & Affiliations

- Continuing Legal Education Committee of State Bar of Wisconsin
- State Bar of Wisconsin
- American Bar Association
- Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association
- Milwaukee Bar Association

Court Admissions

- State Bar of Wisconsin
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Awards/Distinctions

- Selected for inclusion on *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* list, 2021–2022
- Selected for inclusion in 2020 and 2021 Wisconsin Super Lawyers Rising Stars, *Law & Politics* and *Milwaukee Magazine*
- Dean's List, University of Wisconsin Law School
- 1 of 24 attorneys selected by the State Bar of Wisconsin's Leadership Development Committee to participate in the 2016 annual Leadership Development Summit
- Judicial Intern for the Honorable John Albert, Dane County Circuit Court

Articles/Presentations

- Author, "Family Secures Large Settlement in Contentious Inheritance Dispute," website article (October 2, 2018)
- Author, "A Family Matter: Protecting an Elderly Parent with Dementia from Financial Abuse," website article (January 20, 2015)
- Author, "Landlords take Action! Significant Changes in Wisconsin Landlord/Tenant Laws Came into Effect March 1, 2014," website article (March 3, 2014)
- Author, "Trial Courts Have the Ability to Declare a Marriage Void After the Death of One of the Parties to the Marriage," State Bar of Wisconsin, *Elder Law Journal of Wisconsin* (September 3, 2013)

Community Involvement

- Member of the Young Professionals Board of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee

- Volunteer, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee (2013–present)
- Volunteer, Milwaukee Justice Center (2013–present)
- Volunteer, Project Street Youth, an organization dedicated to providing free legal assistance to homeless youth under the age of 25

Education

- University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D.)
- University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire (B.A., *magna cum laude*)