



## Lorie A. Klein

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Lorie represents creditors, financial institutions, and liquidating trustees in a variety of bankruptcy, debt restructuring, and business litigation matters, with an emphasis on representing unsecured creditor committees and liquidating trustees in Chapter 11 bankruptcies, including representing committees or liquidating trustees in the cases of *Petters Group Worldwide, Inc.*, *Lyman Lumber Company, Sheldahl, Inc.*, *SCICOM Data, Inc.*, and *HEI, Inc.* In her role as committee counsel, Lorie commenced many avoidance actions resulting in significant recovery for unsecured creditors. She regularly handles numerous issues in Chapter 11 cases including real estate sales, other asset foreclosures and sales, claim litigation, security agreements, subordinated debt agreements, pension obligations, contract drafting, and fraudulent transfers under bankruptcy and state law. Lorie has also successfully represented clients in numerous appeals before the U.S. Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Eighth Circuit and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Lorie also represents clients in real estate transactions, commercial litigation, and appeals. She counsels and assists clients in a variety of real estate matters, including real estate conveyance, contract review, landlord/tenant law, and land use law. Lorie has pursued eminent domain actions and appeals on behalf of the condemner, including the successful representation of an electrical cooperative association in *Lundell v. Cooperative Power Ass'n*, 707 N.W.2d 376 (Minn. 2006), in which the landowner challenged the association's public purpose, among other things. She also served on the Planning Commission for the City of Shoreview and currently serves on the Planning Commission for the City of Maple Grove.

Lorie was a law clerk for the Honorable R.A. (Jim) Randall and the Honorable Thomas J. Kalitowski at the Minnesota Court of Appeals. She also clerked for a district court judge in Dakota County, Minnesota. Lorie is a cum laude graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting. Lorie was named a "Rising Star" by *Minnesota Law & Politics*.

### **Practice Areas:**

Bankruptcy & Insolvency  
Litigation  
Real Estate  
Transportation & Logistics

**Education:**

University of Minnesota Law School (JD, cum laude 2001)  
University of Wisconsin – Green Bay (BA, summa cum laude 1998)

**Bar Admissions:**

State of Minnesota (2001)  
U.S. District Court – District of Minnesota (2001)  
U.S. Court of Appeals 8th Circuit (2003)

**Professional Memberships and Associations:**

Minnesota State Bar Association  
Hennepin County Bar Association  
City of Maple Grove, Planning Commission  
City of Shoreview, Environmental Quality Committee, 2002 - 2003  
City of Shoreview, Planning Commission, 2004 - 2006