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OVERVIEW

Clients turn to Amran for their most consequential commercial and employment matters, including trials, arbitrations, and internal investigations. Her commercial litigation practice spans contract disputes, construction litigation, and business tort claims. She regularly defends employers in high-exposure employment litigation, including discrimination, retaliation, and whistleblower claims, and leads sensitive internal investigations involving allegations against executives, board members, and other senior personnel.

Amran's ability to connect with jurors, judges, witnesses, and opposing counsel makes her a formidable advocate at trial and a trusted advisor when the stakes are highest. *Minnesota Lawyer* named her Attorney of the Year, and the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal* recognized her as a 40 Under 40 Honoree. She is listed in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (2021–2025) and Minnesota Super Lawyers Rising Stars (2021–2023).

Beyond the courtroom, Amran co-founded Greene Espel's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Practice, where she conducts workplace investigations and counsels employers through sensitive discrimination and misconduct matters. The practice is a natural extension of her litigation work: companies facing potential employment disputes often retain Amran first to investigate, contain risk, and resolve issues before they reach court.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Hamline University School of Law, *magna cum laude*; *Hamline Law Review*; Giles Rich Intellectual Property Moot Court
- B.A., University of Saint Thomas, Political Science and English

EXPERIENCE

- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, Judge Franklin L. Noel, Law Clerk
- Hennepin County District Court, Judge Pamela G. Alexander
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, Judge Michael J. Davis, Extern

ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- State of Minnesota

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AFFILIATIONS

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Federal Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- National Bar Association
- Somali American Bar Association

LANGUAGES

- Somali (fluent)

RECOGNITION

- 2021 Attorney of the Year, *Minnesota Lawyer*
- 40 Under 40 Honoree, *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal* (2021)
- Listed in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (2021-2027)
- Selected to Minnesota Rising Stars list, Minnesota Super Lawyers (2021-2023)
- Up and Coming Attorney, *Minnesota Lawyer* (2020)
- Recognized as Minnesota State Bar Association North Star Lawyer for pro bono service (2019)
- 2018 Diversity & Inclusion Honoree, *Minnesota Lawyer*
- Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Award
- Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers – Michael J. Davis Scholarship Award
- Nelson Mandela Scholarship Award
- Minnesota Federal Bar – Judge Jacob Dim Memorial Award
- Minnesota Black Women Lawyer's Network Scholarship Award

COMMUNITY

Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith selected Amran to serve on the Judicial Selection Committee for the open federal bench seat in Minnesota and appointed her to the committee that recommended candidates for U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal for Minnesota. She is a past-President of the Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers, a founder and past-President of the Somali American Bar Association, and past-Chair of the Council of Minnesotans of African Heritage. Additional community involvements include the below:

- Federal Law Enforcement Selection Committee
- B.R.A.V.E. Inc. – Board Member
- Governor Dayton's Council of Minnesotan's of African Heritage, Governor Appointed Member
- Minneapolis Police Police Conduct and Oversight Commission

NEWS & UPDATES

- **August 20, 2026** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the 2027 Best Lawyers and Ones to Watch Lists
- **August 21, 2025** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the 2026 Best Lawyers and Ones to Watch Lists
- **August 16, 2024** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the 2025 Best Lawyers and Ones to Watch Lists
- **August 17, 2023** *Best Lawyers Recognizes 16 Greene Espel Attorneys on the 2024 Best Lawyers and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Lists*
- **July 18, 2023** *16 Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the Minnesota Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists*
- **August 18, 2022** Best Lawyers Recognizes 14 Greene Espel Attorneys on the 2023 Best Lawyers and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Lists
- **July 18, 2022** 16 Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized on the Minnesota Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

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- **December 21, 2021** 3M and Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized by *Minnesota Lawyer* as 2021 Attorney of the Year Honorees
- **October 11, 2021** Greene Espel Attorneys Recognized in 2022 "Best Lawyers in the Midwest" Publication
- **August 19, 2021** Best Lawyers Recognizes 14 Greene Espel Attorneys on the 2022 Best Lawyers and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Lists
- **July 21, 2021** Award: Super Lawyers Recognizes 13 Greene Espel Attorneys on the 2021 Minnesota Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
- **June 14, 2021** *Best Lawyers* 2021 “Women in the Law” Business Edition Recognizes Eight Greene Espel Attorneys
- **February 23, 2021** Amran Farah Selected as a 40 Under 40 Honoree by Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal
- **February 9, 2021** Amran Farah appointed to the Federal Law Enforcement Selection Committee by U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith
- **January 26, 2021** Greene Espel congratulates Jeya Paul, Amran Farah and Davida Williams on their elevation to our partnership.
- **September 21, 2020** Award: Cliff Greene Receives Transformational Leadership Award from The International Leadership Institute
- **September 17, 2020** Cliff Greene to Retire from Greene Espel
- **September 4, 2020** Award: Greene Espel Receives Nods for Diversity and Inclusion
- **August 20, 2020** Award: The Best Lawyers in America 2021 Recognizes 17 Greene Espel Lawyers
- **July 10, 2020** Award: Three Greene Espel Attorneys Named Up & Coming Lawyers by Minnesota Lawyer
- **June 10, 2020** Award: 13 Greene Espel Attorneys Named North Star Lawyers for Pro Bono Service
- **December 6, 2019** Amran Farah to Serve on Judicial Selection Committee
- **November 6, 2019** Press Mention: Profiles in Practice Features Amran Farah
- **November 5, 2019** Event (11/5/2019): Cliff Greene Featured Speaker: Traditions of Excellence Inspiring Conversations with Industry Leaders
- **September 23, 2019** Award: Amran Farah Recognized as a 2019 Diversity & Inclusion Honoree by Minnesota Lawyer
- **January 7, 2019** Press mentions: Amran Farah Featured in "Hennepin Lawyer"
- **October 16, 2018** Greene Espel Welcomes New Attorneys

EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

- **June 13, 2024** Amran Farah to Present on Elimination of Bias for Workers' Compensation Claims
- **June 11, 2024** John Baker, Chad Blumenfield, and Amran Farah to Present at the FBA 48th Annual Federal Practice Seminar
- **June 6, 2024** "Conscious Inclusion: How Lawyers Can Eliminate Bias to Achieve Better Outcomes," Corporate Counsel Annual Meeting Luncheon and CLE, Minnesota State Bar Association
- **December 31, 2023** Adjunct Professor, William Mitchell College of Law, Civil Dispute Resolution (2016-Present)
- **September 28, 2023** Conscious Inclusion: How Lawyers Can Eliminate Bias to Achieve Better Outcomes
- **May 11, 2023** Sybil Dunlop and Amran Farah to Present for Twin Cities Diversity in Practice
- **September 3, 2022** Amran Farah to Present Keynote at the 2022 Somali Diaspora Conference
- **February 17, 2022** *The New Workplace – Remote Working Policies*, Co-Presenter, Minnesota State Bar Association
- **February 16, 2022** *5 Ways to Check Implicit Bias in Your Legal Practice*, Co-Presenter, Minnesota CLE
- **June 25, 2021** *How to be an Effective Leader in Your Community*, Minnesota State Bar Association Convention
- **December 1, 2019** *How to Litigate a Civil Case in Minnesota – Drafting a Successful Response to the Complaint*, Minnesota CLE

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