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OVERVIEW

Monte's cases often involve significant, high-profile issues of law and public policy. For instance, he defended a class action challenging the constitutionality of automobile forfeiture for driving under the influence of alcohol throughout Minnesota; he litigated the trial and appeals concerning the White Bear Lake water levels; he defended Minnesota Vikings Football LLC in a lawsuit and an appeal challenging the Vikings' rights to use the Commons park near US Bank Stadium; and he represents NewRange (formerly known as PolyMet) in over two dozen cases challenging the NorthMet Mining Project.

Monte has handled many disputes concerning the regulation of land, water, and the environment. He also represents government entities in cases involving land-use, zoning, government procurement, environmental, and constitutional issues.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Iowa College of Law, With High Distinction ; Editorial Board, *Iowa Law Review*, Vol. 85; Member, *Iowa Law Review*, Vol. 84
- B.A., University of Northern Iowa, Philosophy, *summa cum laude*
- B.A., University of Northern Iowa, Public Administration, *summa cum laude;* Purple and Old Gold Meritorious Scholarship Award

EXPERIENCE

- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, The Honorable Ann D. Montgomery, Law Clerk

ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- State Bar of Minnesota

AFFILIATIONS

- Federal Bar Association, Minnesota Chapter

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- Minnesota State Bar Association, Appellate Council

RECOGNITION

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* (2024-2027)
- Selected to Rising Star list, *Minnesota Journal of Law & Politics* (2006-2009)

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Appellate Practice Section Council, Minnesota State Bar Association (2015-2024)
  - Chair (2020-2021)
  - Vice Chair (2019-2020)
  - Secretary Treasurer (2018-2019)
- Board Member, Board Secretary, Edina Basketball Association (2019-2025)
- Board Member, Minnesota YMCA Youth in Government (2012-2017)

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*
- **June 20, 2018** The Minnesota Supreme Court Issues Opinion in Favor of Client, City of Rochester
- **October 28, 2017** Greene Espel Wins Trial for Client City of Rochester, Minnesota
- **May 13, 2015** Know Your Drone: Mills highlights legal issues surrounding unmanned aircraft
- **September 6, 2013** Mills article on expert disclosures published in Minnesota Lawyer
- **June 14, 2013** Greene Espel client City of Rochester wins summary judgment in public-transit dispute
- **January 27, 2012** Greene Espel client wins at Eighth Circuit
- **April 13, 2011** Mills presents seminar for Hennepin County Bar Association
- **February 11, 2011** Baker, Mills present at Minnesota City Attorneys Educational Conference
- **October 2, 2009** Greene Espel client wins dismissal of patent infringement claims

EVENTS & PRESENTATIONS

- **February 7, 2025** "Update on Administrative Law," MACA Annual Conference, Minnesota Association of City Attorneys
- **January 1, 2017** *Discussion of Drones and Unmanned Aircraft Systems*, 2017 Minnesota City Attorneys Educational Conference
- **January 1, 2016** *It's a bird...It's a plane...It's—a Drone?* 2016 Minnesota City Attorneys Conference
- **January 1, 2012** *Attorney-Client Privilege in the Public Sector*, Upper Midwest Employment Law Institute, Panelist
- **April 1, 2011** *Regulatory Taking and Inverse Condemnation Cases That Are Hot Issues: Interstate Companies and DeCook I & II*, Hennepin County Bar Association, Panelist

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

- **May 1, 2015** "Know Your Drone," *Planning*, American Planning Association
- **August 22, 2013** "Failure to disclose could be disastrous," *Minnesota Lawyer*
- **July 18, 2013** "State adopts fed expert disclosure," *Minnesota Lawyer*
- **January 1, 1999** "The Student, the First Amendment, and the Mandatory Fee," *Iowa Law Review*, Vol. 85, No.1

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