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LOMMEN ABDO'S 2011 SUPER LAWYERS & RISING STARS

Phil Cole (Business Litigation), president of Lommen Abdo; Bob King (Personal Injury), chair of our PI practice group; and Kay Nord Hunt (Appellate), chair of our Appellate Section, are listed in the Minnesota Top 100 *Super Lawyers* list, as determined in conjunction with the selection process conducted by Minnesota Super Lawyers. Kay is also listed on the Top 50 Women *Super Lawyers*.

Others on the *Super Lawyers* list include Bob Abdo (Business/Corporate), Roger Stageberg (Securities & Corporate Finance), Keith Broady (Business Litigation), Ken Abdo (Entertainment), Stephen Rathke (Personal Injury), Barry O'Neil (Professional Liability), Stacey DeKalb (Employment & Labor), Reid Lindquist (Personal Injury) and Tom Jacobson (Business Litigation/Medical Malpractice). Our *Rising Stars* are Valerie Sims, Lee Hutton, Kate Westad and Bryan Feldhaus.

[Check out our ad](#) which appeared in Minnesota Super Lawyers and MPLS-St. Paul Magazine.

From Lommen Abdo's Personal Injury/Litigation Practice

FOCUS ON THE ROAD

As a personal injury attorney, countless clients have told me that the driver that hit them was looking down at the time of the collision and was driving while distracted. Those clients are alive to tell their story. Others are not so lucky. Within the last year, I started a Facebook and Twitter account to continue Lommen Abdo's public service campaign against distracted driving: Focus on the Road®. [Read the article.](#)

If you have questions about distracted driving, contact [Kate Westad](#) at 612-336-9322 or kate@lommen.com.

From Lommen Abdo's Hudson and Litigation Practices

SUCCESS STORIES

Client Wins Partnership Breakup Case

Lommen attorneys Thomas Jacobson, Kay Hunt and Diane Odeen successfully represented David Bushard before the Wisconsin Supreme Court in a case that dealt with the breakup of a partnership. One partner asked that the business be wound up, but the other continued to operate the business and took a salary without permission. Because there was no written partnership agreement, the Wisconsin Supreme Court held that, under the 1914 Uniform Partnership Act, no additional salary was permitted and the remaining partner was ordered to wind up the business. The case was featured on the State Bar of Wisconsin's web site. [Read more.](#)

Court Awards Forensic Accounting to 876 Bondholders to Help Determine Amounts Wrongfully Diverted

In July 2011 the Ramsey County District Court granted the Plaintiff, 876 Bondholders, request to pay for an outside accounting firm to perform a forensic accounting on the 876 Bond Fund that is operated by the St. Paul Port Authority. Lommen Abdo has been representing 876 Bondholders in litigation with the St. Paul Port Authority for nearly five years pursuing claims that the Port Authority has wrongfully diverted millions of dollars in revenue pledged to the 876 Bond Fund. The forensic accounting will assist the 876 Bondholders and the Court in determining the amounts that have been wrongfully diverted by the Port Authority. Trial is scheduled for October 2011.

JULY/AUGUST 2011

From Lommen Abdo's
Corporate and Entertainment Practices

MEET OUR NEW ATTORNEYS

Lommen Abdo recently welcomed two new attorneys, both in an "Of Counsel" role.

Mike Mollerus

came to us through Dan Young and will work with us in our corporate and business practice.



Mike has had a long and successful career as a solo practitioner focusing in the areas of business law and estate planning. [Read more about Mike.](#)

Well-known and respected artist advocate **John Simson** comes to us after re-establishing an entertainment law



practice in Washington, D.C., where he most recently served as the founding Executive Director of SoundExchange. [Read more about John.](#)

From Lommen Abdo's
Litigation Practice

GRANDPARENTS VISITATION CLARIFIED

The Minnesota Court of Appeals recently clarified the bounds of grandparent visitation in its decision in a recent case. Minnesota has long recognized a statutory right for grandparents to petition the Court for visitation with their grandchildren. That right, however, has been limited by judicial decisions. [Read the article.](#)

If you have questions about visitation rights, contact [Marc Johannsen](#) at 612-336-9302 or marc@lommen.com.

WHO'S WHO AT LOMMEN ABDO?

Barry O'Neil is the chair of the firm's Trials/Litigation practice group and has been with the firm since he was hired as a clerk in 1990.



Barry graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College before attending William Mitchell for law school. A factor in Barry's hiring was his ability to hit a jump shot, both off the dribble and coming off a pick. His offer to join the firm as an attorney was cemented when he helped Phil Cole and Ron Haskvitz bring home hardware in a Timberwolves 3-on-3 tournament his first summer as a clerk.

Barry's law practice encompasses a broad variety of commercial and personal litigation. Significant areas of his practice include professional liability claims, employment disputes, business litigation and probate litigation on behalf of the firm's clients. Barry is also involved in the firm's entertainment law practice in that he handles entertainment-related litigation, including the case for the firm's client, Kristen Hall, against the country band Sugarland that settled just before trial in November last year.

Barry's free time is consumed with activities for his two daughters, Larisa (9) and Nicole (6).

ACCOLADES

An Up & Coming Rising Star!

Up & Coming Attorney. Rising Star. Lommen Abdo's Bryan Feldhaus is both.

In March Bryan was selected as one of 25 outstanding attorneys in the Minnesota Lawyer Up & Coming Attorney program. In August Bryan was also named as a *Rising Star* in Thomson Reuter's *Super Lawyer/Rising Star* program.

Bryan is starting his sixth year at Lommen Abdo. He works in many areas of litigation, including intellectual property litigation, legal malpractice and other commercial litigation. He is a talented attorney with a strong work ethic.

Read the [Minnesota Lawyer article](#) on Bryan when he was selected as an Up & Coming Attorney.

UP CLOSE & PROFESSIONAL

Bryan Feldhaus exceeds client expectations and even wins praise from his opponents. He helped obtain freedom for Koua Fong Lee, a man wrongfully convicted of vehicular homicide, and secure a settlement for a partnership share of the band Sugarland. He's also had a hand in successfully resolving many professional liability claims. Bryan is intelligent, practical, business-savvy... and an **Up & Coming Attorney!**

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LOMMEN ABDO IN THE NEWS

Ken Abdo was featured in the Minnesota Super Lawyers magazine in an article entitled "[An Entertaining Practice: Ken Abdo Rides With the Band](#)." The article describes Ken's practice, his interest in the music business and how he got his start in entertainment law. Check out the article at the link above.



Brad Lehrman commented on the government's economic development efforts with other business leaders in the Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal. [Read the article](#).

John Simson appeared in Billboard's [Executive Turntable column](#) with the announcement of his joining Lommen Abdo.

CLIENT HIGHLIGHTS

SafeKey Corp was featured in a Star Tribune article titled, "[Preventing DWIs before they happen](#)." The article described their key ring module to test driver skills for hand-eye coordination before driving.

Kris Humphries was featured in a [Fox Sports article](#) after throwing out the first pitch of a Twins game. He and his fiancé, Kim Kardashian, were hosted at the Twins game by the Pohlada family. Kris is currently with the NBA's New Jersey Nets. Kim also met and took pictures with several of the Twins players before the game.

Ed Bonach was announced to become the new CEO of CNO Financial Group upon the retirement of the previous CEO at the end of September. [Read more](#).

MUSIC NOTES AND NEWS

Jeff Arundel was honored to sing the song he wrote years ago as a part of the many memories and tributes shared at the Harmon Killebrew memorial at Target Field. Watch the [Fox Sports North video](#) of the tribute performance or watch the [Kare11 video footage](#) accompanied by the full song.

A tribute by **Ronnie Spector** to Amy Winehouse appeared in [Rolling Stone](#).

LOMMEN ABDO ON FACEBOOK

Lommen Abdo has a new Facebook page! [Check it out](#) and "like" us! Let us know what else you'd like to see on our Facebook page.



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SEMINARS

Kay Hunt spoke at the Minnesota State Bar Association's summer CLE, [Nine Days in June 2011](#) on June 8, 2011 in Willmar, Minnesota. She presented with Justice Barry Anderson of the Minnesota Supreme Court on "Recent Appellate Cases Every Lawyer Should Know."

Lommen Abdo held a [seminar for Minnesota Cup Semi-Finalists](#) on July 19th on the 50th floor of the IDS Center. Two past Minnesota Cup winners (clients Doug Ruth and Bob Ziebol) and a Minnesota Cup review board member (Lommen Abdo attorney **Brad Lehrman**) spoke at the event.

Lommen Abdo is presenting a closely-held business seminar: [Avoid the Obstacles; Grab the Opportunities](#) on October 27th. You're invited to Elsie's Restaurant, Bar & Bowling Center in Northeast Minneapolis to learn how to maximize your opportunities and navigate the inherent obstacles. Come to hear what Lommen Abdo attorneys, accountants from three firms and a bank vice president/loan committee member have to say about the business landscape today as they share the success and horror stories they see. [Get more information about how to register.](#)

Save the date for the 4th Annual Entertainment & Sports Law Symposium on November 4, 2011. The Symposium is presented by Lommen Abdo's entertainment and sports attorneys and is designed for industry professionals who want to know more about substantive legal and business issues addressed in the practice of entertainment and sports law.



IN GOLF, EVERY CLUB HAS A SPECIFIC PURPOSE.

AT LOMMEN ABDO, EACH ATTORNEY DOES AS WELL...
AND COLLECTIVELY WE PRODUCE RESULTS!

When you hire Lommen Abdo, you hire lawyers who know how to get things done. Our lawyers practice in a wide array of areas and can collaborate to find the best solutions to meet your needs. Lommen Abdo matches each client's needs with the most appropriate and affordable expertise available in our firm, drawing upon the knowledge of attorneys best qualified to meet and exceed those needs.

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