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Keith E. Sjodin,

Some clients are hoping for a big recovery, some really want their day in court, and others just want to get on with their lives. With all of them, Keith Sjodin seeks to manage expectations and help all of his clients level the legal playing field.

Keith has supported the growth of Melchert Hubert Sjodin since he joined the firm right out of law school in 1975. In that time, he's practiced in many areas of law but has focused entirely on Personal Injury and Workers Compensation since the early '80s. Keith led the firm's Litigation practice group for many years and served as Managing Partner of the firm for more than 25 years.

His strengths lie in strong negotiation skills honed from more than 44 years of practice. Rather than always playing the antagonist, Keith tries to keep communication flowing. "When you have to take a stand for clients, disagreements with other attorneys or claim adjusters are inevitable, but it doesn't have to get personal. At the end of the day you can go into the hallway and shake hands and ask your opponent about their family. I've done that many times."

This approach has served Keith and his clients well over the years to move toward a positive resolution, whether through mediation, arbitration or trial. "I always keep in mind that, while the final outcome for each client will be different, my goal is a positive result for the client," he says.

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

Education

- B.A., magna cum laude, University of Minnesota, Duluth
- J.D., cum laude, University of Minnesota Law School

Honors & Certifications

- MN Super Lawyer 2012 2020
- MSBA Certified Civil Trial Law Specialist
- MSBA Certified Civil Arbitrator
- State of MN No Fault Arbitration Committee
- MN Association for Justice Board of Governors

Professional Activities

- Member of Minnesota State Bar Association, American Association for Justice and Minnesota Association for Justice
- Member and former President of Eighth District Bar Association
- Two terms on Minnesota Supreme Court Standing Committee for the Administration of Arbitration under the Minnesota No Fault Automobile Insurance Act

Community Involvement

- Charter member of Waconia-West Carver Rotary Club
- Active member of Faith Lutheran Church in Waconia and 30+ year choir member
- Proud grandfather