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Madigan, Dahl & Harlan, P.A. shareholder Jon Steckler recently received an award of damages and attorneys' fees in a construction arbitration. In the matter, Mr. Steckler represented a North Dakota construction subcontractor in a dispute against a general contractor concerning nonpayment for work and services provided by the subcontractor. The dispute was submitted to binding arbitration pursuant to the requirements of the standard AIA general contract. The dispute included claims of breach of contract and violation of Minnesota's prompt-payment statute, Minn. Stat. § 337.10. The arbitrator determined that the general contractor had improperly withheld payment under the contract and statute, and ordered that payment be made in full. Additionally, as allowed under Minn. Stat. § 337.10, the arbitrator awarded the subcontractor attorneys' fees and costs incurred in the matter.

Shareholders Rich Dahl and Jon Steckler successfully resolved a complex construction defect dispute on behalf of a Saint Paul homeowner's association. In the lawsuit, filed in Ramsay County District Court, Dahl and Steckler represented the homeowner's association for a high end multi-million dollar condominium development. The association asserted various claims against the developer, general contractor, engineer, and a variety of subcontractors, relating to the design and construction of the multi-unit condominium development. After successfully defending against various summary judgment motions seeking dismissal of the lawsuit for, among allegations, violation of Minn. Stat. § 327A notice provisions, the matter was set to proceed to trial. Ultimately, days before trial was to commence, following extensive litigation, the dispute was satisfactorily resolved in accordance with a confidential settlement agreement.





Please join us in congratulating Mike Madigan for again being selected as a Super Lawyer for the year 2015. In earning this distinction, Mike is being recognized as an attorney that has mastered his skills in the business-related practice groups, including business and transactions, construction, real estate, and environmental, and business litigation. This honor is only bestowed upon up to 5% of attorneys in a given state, and Mike has received this distinction for the past 15 years.



We would like to again congratulate Jon Steckler for being selected as a Rising Star for the year 2015. This honor is only bestowed upon a maximum of 2.5% of lawyers in any given state. In order to be eligible for this list, candidates must be either 40 years old or younger or in practice for 10 years or less. This is Jon's third consecutive selection.

## So you Obtained a Judgment .... Now What?



At some point, you may well find yourself or your business needing to collect on an account or debt owed to you. You go through the collection process and feel victorious because you are awarded a judgment against your debtor. Unfortunately, the battle is not won simply by obtaining a judgment. The battle rages on for many creditors, regardless of their size or means, as they attempt to actually collecting on the judgment. process of collecting a judgment is very technical and can be confusing. The information below discusses tips, tricks, and common pitfalls to judgment collection in Minnesota.

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#### Minnesota's Limited Liability Company Statute Undergoes Changes Effective August 1, 2015

On April 8, 2014, Governor Dayton signed into law the Minnesota Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act (the "Act") (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 322C) that has the potential to impact all LLCs in Minnesota. Here is a brief overview of the Act:

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#### Minnesota Enacts MNvest Law that Has Potential to Turn Everyday Minnesotans into Investors.

In June, Governor Mark Dayton signed a \$42 billion state budget that included state legislation and money to implement the new MNvest program. The new state law called "MNvest", makes it legal for entrepreneurs and small businesses to raise money through equity crowdfunding on the Internet. Minnesota is now the 25<sup>th</sup> state to enact such legislation.

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#### Proposed Changes to FLSA Would Make Millions of American Eligible for Overtime Pay

On June 30, 2015, the Department of Labor (DOL) issued its long-awaited Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, which updates the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) regulations relating to white collar employees. The proposed regulation would provide for overtime pay to most salaried workers earning less than \$50,440. It is estimated this could impact almost five million U.S. workers.

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Congratulations to Andale Taqueria & Mercado!

In May 2015 business owners Jorge Castro and Fernando Mellado-Barboza received a visit from The Food Network and Guy Fieri to tape an episode of Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives at their authentic Mexican taqueria and mercado. Located at 7700 Nicollet Avenue in Richfield, Andale Taqueria serves scratch-made true Mexican food. Some of their specialties include freshly made guacamole and salsa, made from scratch tortillas and chips, tamales, tacos, burritos, tortas, and menudo. All of the restaurant dishes are made with authentic Mexican ingredients fresh from the market right next door. The Andale Mercado also offers fresh meats, fruits, vegetables, a take-out deli, and freshly baked Mexican breads, pastries and desserts. The pair also operates the Cinco De Mayo Mercado near 38th and Nicollet which offers more authentic Mexican food and groceries, including hot deli items similar to those available at Andale.

To learn more about this local treasure and the airtime of their Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives episode, follow Andale Taqueria & Mercado on Facebook or on the web at

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