

A professional headshot of Dean M. Zimmerli, a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a light blue shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera. The background is a blurred office setting with green and brown tones.

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Dean Zimmerli focuses his practice on civil litigation related to agriculture, environmental regulation, banking and finance, commercial disputes and general litigation. Dean regularly represents banks and other creditors in bankruptcy and state courts to enforce the creditor's rights, recover collateral and maximize recovery on troubled loans. Dean has also defended banks against claims made by borrowers against the bank and has recently secured dismissals of multi-million-dollar claims alleged against a client bank, which was affirmed by the Minnesota Court of Appeals, ending several years of litigation. Dean's broad experience in civil litigation beyond collection and enforcement actions allows him to provide comprehensive representation through the entirety of a lending relationship with a borrower, no matter the issues that arise.

In addition, Dean has developed an expertise in drainage and water law while representing project proponents, concerned landowners and even drainage authorities throughout the process. Dean has represented numerous landowners throughout the drainage project process from preparing petitions, to advocating at drainage authority meetings and hearings and litigating drainage appeals.

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