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Trager helps clients navigate complex business disputes and other litigation matters. He provides practical guidance to help clients assess risk, address challenges, and resolve matters effectively.

Before joining UB Greensfelder, Trager represented businesses and individuals in commercial litigation, liability, insurance, and toxic tort matters at law firms in Boston and Chicago. His experience includes defending clients in depositions and court hearings and drafting pleadings, motions, reports, and discovery-related filings.

During law school, Trager served as senior online editor of the *Wisconsin Law Review* and host of the publication's podcast. He also served as vice president of community outreach and marketing for the Indigenous Law Student Association and participated in the Oxford Federal Project Criminal Appeals Clinic. Trager earned a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Outside of his legal practice, Trager enjoys cooking and bartending for friends and family, trail-running, and cross-country skiing.

Education

- University of Wisconsin-Madison (B.A., 2015)
- University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 2023)

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- Wisconsin
- Massachusetts

Languages

- Spanish
- Chinese - Mandarin

Practices & Industries

- Complex Business Litigation
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution

- Japanese

Professional Affiliations

- Illinois State Bar Association (*Member, 2025 – present*)
- DRI, Young Lawyers Division (*Member, 2024 – present*)
- National Immigrant Justice Center (*2024 – present*)
- Massachusetts Bar Association (*Member, 2023 – present*)
- Wisconsin State Bar Association (*Member, 2023 – present*)

Awards & Honors

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Commercial Litigation (2027)

Experience

- Played key role in preparation of high-exposure, complex matter for a three-week jury trial.
- Won summary judgment for an industrial product manufacturer after demonstrating absence of essential evidence at oral argument in Cook County Circuit Court.
- Drafted winning summary judgment argument resulting in dismissal (with prejudice) of a ten-count commercial complaint in Rhode Island.
- Assisted in developing defense strategy in PFAS MDL bellwether cases, including e-discovery management, case analysis, and preparation of defense frameworks.

Publications & Presentations

PODCASTS

- “Wisconsin Law Review 2022 Symposium: Controlling the Supreme Court: Now and ‘far into the future.’” *WLR Forward* podcast, Host (October 2022)
- “Law, Legal Institutions, and Technological Change.” *WLR Forward* podcast, Host (April 2022)
- “The Restatement of the Law of American Indians.” *WLR Forward* podcast, Host (October 2021)

News & Media

October 23, 2026

Timing Really Is Everything: What a Recent Bridal Dress Case Means for Your Commission Agreements