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Bio

Dwyer is an associate in the Omaha office's litigation group. His practice encompasses plaintiff- and defense-side litigation at the trial and appellate levels in state and federal courts across the country, in cases involving class action defense, insurance defense, professional negligence, and product liability, among others. In addition to his commercial work, Dwyer maintains a pro bono practice providing legal services to non-profit entities and participating in legal-aid programs aimed at [assisting those who can't afford an attorney](#). He also serves on the Nebraska State Bar Association's Practice and Procedure Committee and Professional Enhancement Committee, and the Virgin Islands Bar Association's Litigation Committee, where he serves in an advisory, non-voting capacity.

Outside of his practice, Dwyer serves on the Board of Directors of MICA House, a family emergency shelter providing temporary housing to over 800 members of the Omaha metro and western Iowa communities annually. In addition to his role on the Board of Directors, Dwyer regularly volunteers at the shelter, engaging in structured playtime with children from nine months to seven years old experiencing the stress of living in the shelter. Dwyer is also involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands, serving as a mentor to a child facing adversity in the Omaha community.

Before entering private practice, Dwyer served for several years as the senior law clerk to the Honorable Maria M. Cabret, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Virgin Islands. Dwyer worked for the Court during a transformational time in the territory's history, when the Virgin Islands Supreme Court—then only five years old—was in the process of developing rules and procedures for the Virgin Islands Judiciary. He assisted Justice Cabret in resolving numerous issues of first impression, preparing over 40 draft opinions and countless more memoranda in cases touching on essentially all aspects of territorial law. Dwyer also assisted the Supreme Court's independent counsel in preparing an *amicus curiae* brief filed with the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit addressing that court's authority to rule on issues of territorial law. Dwyer was recognized by the Government of the Virgin Islands as 2014 Employee of the Year because of his work on the Supreme Court.

Dwyer is a recognized authority on matters of Virgin Islands law and territorial court systems, and has been invited to present several CLE seminars on the Virgin Islands legal system alongside retired judges and law professors, including:

Virgin Islands Bar Association Annual Meeting & CLE Seminar, December 11, 2015

Presenter, "Virgin Islands Supreme Court Case Review"

Panelist, "The Development of Common Law in the Virgin Islands"

Virgin Islands Bar Association Mid-Year Meeting & CLE Seminar, May 29, 2015

Panel Chair, "Administrative Law in Virgin Islands Courts"

Virgin Islands Bar Association Annual Meeting & CLE Seminar, December 12, 2014

Panelist, "Federalism in the Courts of the U.S. Virgin Islands"

Panelist, "Virgin Islands Common Law and the Restatements of Law"

Dwyer graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. There, he served as a staff writer and later as Managing Editor of [JURIST](#), a Webby Award-winning legal publication and the world's only law school-based comprehensive legal news and research service, reaching an audience of 20,000 visitors a week. As a staff writer, Dwyer wrote 340 legal news articles for publication. His articles have been cited as authority by publications of the Library of Congress, *New York University Review of Law and Social Change*, *Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review*, *Seattle University Law Review*, and *Boston College Law Review*, among others. His work with JURIST was recognized by that publication's highest awards three years in a row.

News

February 19, 2018 [Kutak Rock Pro Bono Work Leads to En Banc Court](#)

Other

Other Distinctions

2014 Employee of the Year, Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands

Government Service

- Senior Law Clerk to Justice Maria M. Cabret, Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands (2012-2016)
- Judicial Intern to Judge Nora Barry Fischer, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (2011)

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