

## SBA Names Adam Nathe Minnesota Minority Small Business Champion

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MINNEAPOLIS - Adam Nathe, an attorney with the law firm Gray Plant Mooty has been named the Minnesota Minority Small Business Champion of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The Minority Small Business Champion award is presented annually in each state to individuals who assist small businesses through outstanding advocacy efforts on behalf of minority-owned small businesses. Jan Jordet, Director of Consulting & Financing Services at the Metropolitan Economic Development Association (MEDA), nominated Adam Nathe for this award.

As a partner at Gray Plant Mooty, Adam concentrates his practice in commercial finance, agribusiness finance, and corporate law, advising business clients in a wide spectrum of financing and corporate transactions. In his practice, he regularly represents small businesses as a trusted legal and business advisor.

In addition to a busy practice, Adam is committed to his community, regularly contributing more than 100 hours per year toward volunteer activities and pro bono legal services. He participates in organizations that work to promote diversity in the legal profession and in the Minnesota business community through organizations, including Twin Cities Diversity in Practice, the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association, and the Minnesota Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

He also contributes numerous hours of pro bono legal services to individuals and organizations, through referrals from the Legal Aid Society, the Hennepin County Legal Access Point, and through client referrals from the Minnesota Economic Development Association (MEDA); and is presently working with claimants in Minnesota and Wisconsin through the USDA Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers Claims Program.

Adam is also an active member in a number of professional organizations, including the MSBA Diversity Committee, the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association, the Hispanic National Bar Association, the Minnesota Agri-growth Counsel, the Commercial Finance Association, and the Association for Corporate Growth.

Adam draws inspiration from the business people he represents; and while he enjoys his role in coalescing deals for businesses large and small, he views law as a pathway for him to continue to be involved in the



community and to give back, especially to others like him, who are first-generation minority lawyers and entrepreneurs.

Adam will be honored at the Minnesota Small Business Week Awards program on May 6, 2013, at the Depot Minneapolis.

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