



News

Three Hinshaw Partners Named to Minnesota Monthly's 2025 Top Lawyers in Minnesota

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The law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP is pleased to announce that Minneapolis partners Mitchel ("Mitch") Chargo, Amy DuMond Kottke, and Russell ("Russ") Ponessa have been named 2025 Top Lawyers in Minnesota by *Minnesota Monthly*. The 2025 Top Lawyers list was published in the July/August edition of the magazine.

Mitch and Amy were among 27 lawyers recognized statewide in the Real Estate Law category, while Russ was among only six lawyers selected in the Product Liability category. This marks Mitch's second consecutive year being named to *Minnesota Monthly's* Top Lawyers directory, while Amy and Russ have both been listed in the directory for three consecutive years.

Minnesota Monthly annually publishes a list of the state's top lawyers. The selection process involves independent research, including an online peer-review survey sent to all lawyers in Minnesota. The list is determined by thousands of votes cast for the honorees.

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Mitch Chargo:

[Mitch](#) represents clients in matters related to all facets of commercial real estate, including acquisitions, leasing, and lending. He also focuses on counseling clients to navigate the complexities involved with the intersection of commercial real estate and cannabis. He represents lenders, commercial landlords, and tenants, as well as cannabis/hemp businesses and Tribal nations in their commercial real estate transactions.

Amy DuMond-Kottke:

[Amy](#) represents developers, landlords, tenants, buyers, and sellers on all stages of real estate transactions from raw land to inner city redevelopment. Amy is recognized as an experienced "dirt" lawyer who navigates nationwide complex commercial portfolio transactions and real estate development projects.

Attorneys

Mitchel C. Chargo

Amy L. DuMond Kottke

Russell S. Ponessa

Service Areas

Business & Commercial Transactions

Complex Tort & General Casualty

Professional Liability

Real Estate & Lending

Offices

Minneapolis

**Russ Ponessa:**

[Russ](#) is a trial lawyer with three decades of experience representing companies whose products or business practices are under attack. He defends claims involving product and professional liability, medical devices, toxic torts, construction, commercial disputes, insurance coverage, and consumer issues in state and federal courts coast-to-coast.

[View the full list of the 2025 Top Lawyers.](#)