

Robert F. Devolve

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Rob uses his deep knowledge and experience in environmental, real estate and land use law to solve business challenges for his clients.

His practice centers on counseling clients in corporate and real estate transactions, development projects and permitting and compliance issues. Clients appreciate Rob's focus on practical solutions and achieving his clients' business objectives.

Rob's background as a licensed land surveyor gives him insight into, and skills in resolving, many title and survey problems for his clients. His prior experience also includes several years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. Additionally, Rob is a Minnesota State Bar Association Board-Certified Real Property Law Specialist.

EXPERIENCE

Rob has assisted clients with evaluating and minimizing environmental risks in hundreds of transactions and regulatory matters throughout the United States, and stays up-to-date on regulatory changes and evolving and emerging issues such as vapor intrusion and PFAS contamination.

Rob has helped private and public developers purchase, remediate and redevelop numerous brownfields, including state and federal Superfund sites.

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Environmental & Natural Resources
Energy
Environmental Counseling
Environmental Litigation
Oil & Gas
Real Estate & Public Finance
Renewable Energy
Mining
Transportation

ADMISSIONS

Minnesota
Massachusetts
New York

EDUCATION

University of Iowa College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*

• *Journal of Corporation Law*, Editor in Chief
The State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, B.S.,

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Rob routinely helps clients with their purchase, sale and leasing of real estate, and related matters such as title clearance, zoning approvals and boundary disputes.

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Rob has had significant roles in drafting brownfields-related legislation in Minnesota.

RECOGNITIONS

The Best Lawyers in America[®], 2010 - 2024

Distinguished Service Award, Children's Law Center of Minnesota

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Minnesota Brownfields Advisory Committee

Minnesota State Bar Association

Hennepin County Bar Association

NEWS

175 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2024 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.17.2023

152 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2023 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.18.2022

103 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2022 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.19.2021

Chugach Electric Acquisition Featured in *Global Legal Chronicle*

12.03.2020

Stinson Serves as Legal Counsel on Major Alaskan Energy Acquisition

11.17.2020

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112 Stinson Attorneys Selected to the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* List

08.20.2020

Stinson Represents Stelco in Option to Acquire Interest in Mine

05.12.2020

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Environmental Due Diligence," M&A Boot Camp, Stinson LLP Webinar, September 2022

"How Brownfield Development Can Transform a Site," Finance & Commerce Experts Forum, 2018

"Environmental Risks in Transactions," ACC Minnesota, 2018

"Brownfield Liability & Risk Assessment," MN Real Estate Journal Brownfield Summit, 2015

"Environmental Liability," The Complete Real Estate Lawyer, Minnesota CLE, 2015

"Environmental Law, Enforcement & Documentation," Minnesota Asphalt Pavement Association, 2015

"Role of Federal Government in Brownfield Projects," Panelist in Roundtable Discussion with EPA Region 5 Administrator, 2012

2022 M&A Boot Camp

09.15.2022

PUBLICATIONS

"Determining Boundaries Based on Surveys," *Minnesota Boundary Law Deskbook*, Minnesota CLE, 2016

"Environmental Liability," The Complete Real Estate Lawyer, Minnesota CLE, 2015

"Assessing and Minimizing Environmental Risks in Commercial Transactions," *Inside the Minds: Understanding Environmental and Land Use Laws*, Aspatore, 2006

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