



## EVAN A. NELSON

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### OVERVIEW

Evan Nelson focuses his practice on property rights – from making sure landowners get just compensation when their property is condemned to representing trustees and beneficiaries in trust disputes. He also represents clients in complex commercial disputes. Additionally, he maintains an active pro bono practice, with significant experience in environmental, administrative, and Government Data Practices Act litigation.

Evan has been named a 2021 Up & Coming Attorney by *Minnesota Lawyer*, and was selected for inclusion on the 2021 and 2022 Minnesota Rising Stars lists, a designation given to only 2.5% of Minnesota attorneys each year.

Evan graduated first in his class from the University of North Dakota School of Law. During law school, he was also judicial extern to the Honorable Kermit E. Bye of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

### SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- Represented property owners in several areas of real estate litigation, including condemnation, quiet title, utility billing, and purchase-and-sale-agreement disputes.
- Represented both fiduciaries and beneficiaries in trust and estate litigation.
- Represented clients in debt collection disputes regarding clients' parents' debt to nursing homes.
- Represented commercial clients in franchise disputes, breach of contract, and LLC dissolution matters.
- Represented construction companies and design professionals in defective design and construction disputes, as well as insurance coverage disputes.

### Pro Bono

- Pro Bono litigation regarding copper-sulfide mining project: Evan serves as lead to team of Maslon lawyers providing pro bono counsel to environmental organizations in several related and complex challenges to a copper-sulfide mine project proposed to be built within the Lake Superior watershed and in close proximity

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation

- Business Litigation
- Construction & Real Estate Litigation
- Trust & Estate Litigation

Real Estate

- Condemnation & Eminent Domain

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

U.S. District Court

- Minnesota
- S.D. Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals

- Eighth Circuit
- Fifth Circuit

### EDUCATION

University of North Dakota School of Law

J.D., *summa cum laude*

Honors: Order of Barristers; Order of the Coif

University of North Dakota

M.A.; B.A.

English

to the Boundary Waters. Representative case: *Matter of NorthMet Project Permit to Mine Application Dated December 2017*, 959 N.W.2d 731 (Minn. 2021).

- ABA Pro Bono Death Penalty Representation: *Ex parte* Armstrong (Tex. Crim. App. 2017). Member of team of Maslon lawyers serving as pro bono counsel for Douglas Tyrone Armstrong, a Texas death row inmate convicted of capital murder in 2006. The team successfully secured the vacation of Armstrong's death sentence by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

## LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness: Board of Directors 2019-present
- Minnesota Eminent Domain Institute (MEDI): Secretary 2019-present
- Maslon UPLIFT: Legal Institute for Teens: Volunteer Coach
- ABA Death Penalty Representation Project: Pro Bono Attorney Volunteer
- *Pro Se* Project: Pro Bono Attorney Volunteer
- Volunteer Lawyers Network: Pro Bono Attorney Volunteer
- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association – Minnesota Chapter
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association

## SELECTED HONORS

- **Up & Coming Attorney**, *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2021
- **Recognized on Minnesota Rising Stars list as part of the Super Lawyers® selection process**, 2021-2022 (*Minnesota Rising Stars is a designation given to only 2.5 percent of Minnesota attorneys each year, based on a selection process that includes the recommendation of peers in the legal profession.*)
- **Light of Justice Award**, Texas Defender Service, 2018
- **North Star Lawyer**, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2017-2021 (*North Star Lawyer is a designation that recognizes members who provide 50 hours or more of pro bono legal services in a calendar year.*)
- **Selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch**, 2023 (*These awards recognize attorneys, who are earlier in their careers, for outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States.*)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Signing Nursing Home Admission Contracts for a Loved One," Minnesota NAELA Chapter, 2021
- "Stopping Polymet," Annual Gathering 2020, Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness, 2020

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- "Tilting the Litigation Playing Field Under the Uniform Trust Code: The Availability of Temporary Injunctive Relief in Trustee Removal of Actions," co-author, *Probate & Property*, Vol. 34, No. 3, American Bar Association, 2020
- "Charting a Course into the Future Practice of Law," co-author, *Litigation Management: Overcoming the Ocean of Complaint, Trial and Motions – A Concentrated Curriculum for In House Counsel Managing Litigation*, the Network of Trial Law Firms, 2018
- Note, "Unacknowledged Legislators: The Contemporary Poetry Community's Quasi-regime of Intellectual Property," 91 *N.D. L. Rev.* 634 (2015)