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Overview

Rob focuses his practice on insurance coverage and complex environmental litigation— especially cases involving environmental claims made under a wide variety of insurance policies. When the environmental claims involve a catastrophic event, he represents insurers and insured in both defending against such claims and their efforts to recover funds from legally responsible third parties. He represents insurers in complex insurance conflicts in jurisdictions across the country and has achieved favorable results in cases including, West Bend Insurance Company v. U.S. Fidelity & Guaranty Company, 598 F.3d 91 (7th Cir. 2010); A.J. Hall v. Federated Mutual Ins. Co., 1996 WL 23368 (Tenn. App.); and Iowa Comprehensive Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund Bd. v. Federated Mut. Ins. Co., 596 N.W.2d 546 (1999).

Rob is one of the firm's leaders as a member of its Management Committee. He is an original member of Meagher + Geer's Electronic Litigation practice group. In that capacity, Rob's experience with electronic case management, electronic discovery and electronic trial presentation allows him to advise a diverse range of clients in a variety of ways. He is also a member of the Defense Research Institute, a national organization of defense trial lawyers and corporate counsel.

"My approach to the law and to my clients is straightforward – shaped in many ways by my experience as a life-long athlete. I approach each case strategically. I realize that we all have different strengths – each of which contributes to a successful outcome. I prepare vigorously, anticipating many contingencies. Like athletes, lawyers compete because they want to win."

Outside the office, Rob remains involved as a volunteer in his community Lacrosse program. He played NCAA Divison 1 lacrosse at Harvard. He also coached his four children in his favorite sport.

Education

- Temple University School of Law, J.D., 1990
- Harvard University, A.B., 1987

Services

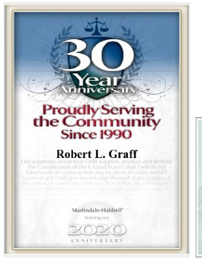
- Electronic Litigation
- Catastrophic Loss
- Safety, Toxic Tort & Environmental
- Insurance
  - Insurance - Bad Faith
  - Insurance Coverage
  - Insurance - Reinsurance

State Bar Admissions

- Minnesota, 1990
- Wisconsin, 2013
- North Dakota, 2016

Federal Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1995
- United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 2009
- United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 1994
- United States District Court, District of Minnesota, 1991
- United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 1992
- United States District Court, District of North Dakota, 2016



Experience

Professional Affiliations

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin Bar Association
- Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Institute of Forensic Investigation (IF)

Community Involvement

- Double-Goal Coach® Award 2020, Regional Winner, Lacrosse, Positive Coaching Alliance
- Coach, Bloomington Youth Lacrosse
- Volunteer Head Coach, University of Minnesota- Duluth 1993-2011
- Men’s Collegiate Lacrosse Association North, Board of Directors

Notable

Accolades

- Selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers of America® in the area of Litigation–Insurance, 2024-2026
- Awarded the highest possible Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating, AV® Preeminent™ (AV is a registered certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies)
- Sam Sadtler Award