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Loren Solfest is a managing shareholder and Vice-President of Dougherty, Molenda, Solfest, Hills & Bauer P.A. He heads the firm's banking and business/commercial transactional and litigation law practice groups. He has been practicing law since 1986 and has an established practice in the areas of banking, commercial litigation, business and real estate law. He has successfully represented clients in a wide variety of transactions as well as matters in state and federal courts, at both the district and appellate court levels.

Loren is certified as a Real Property Specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association. He is also a qualified neutral under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice, and has served as a mediator and arbitrator in numerous cases since 1997. Loren is licensed to practice law in the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin. He is also admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit; the United States District Court, District of Minnesota; and the United States District Court, Western District of Wisconsin. Loren has been repeatedly named to the Super Lawyers list and AV Peer Review Rated.

When he is not at work, Loren enjoys family and church activities, participating in various sports, attending his children's musical, academic and sporting events and following the Fighting Irish.

Certified Legal Specialties

- Real Property Law Specialist, Minnesota State Bar Association
- Qualified Neutral Under Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 114, ADR Program



AREAS OF PRACTICE

Banking & Finance
Business & Commercial Law
Civil & Commercial Litigation
Real Estate Law
Dispute Resolution

HONORS AND AWARDS

Super Lawyers List, 2006 - 2015

AV Peer Review Rated by Martindale
Hubbell 2006 – Present

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

Wisconsin

U.S. District Court, District of
Minnesota

U.S. District Court, Western District of
Wisconsin

U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit

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Education

- Hamline University School of Law, J.D.
 - Law Journal: *Hamline Journal of Public Law and Policy*, Associate, 1984
- University of Notre Dame, B.A. (Government)
 - *Adelphia Law Journal*, Editor-in-Chief
 - Honors: Notre Dame Scholar Award, 1979-1983

Published Works

- Minnesota Litigation Checklists §1-1 et seq., Matthew Bender & Company, Inc., Lexis.com, 2007

Professional Associations and Memberships

- Minnesota State Bar Association, Member
- Dakota County Bar Association, Member
- First Judicial District Bar Association
- Minnesota Association for Justice, Member

Pro Bono Activities

- Legal Assistance of Dakota County - Volunteer, 1989 - Present
- Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services - Volunteer, 1986 - 1989

Community Involvement

- Scott-Carver-Dakota CAP Agency, Inc., Board Member
- Dakota County Law Library, Board Member
- Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce, 2010 Board Chairperson and former Board Member
- Burnsville Chamber of Commerce, Former Treasurer and Board Member
- Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Lakeville Chamber of Commerce
- Minnesota Valley YMCA, Former Chairperson and Board Member Southwest Area YMCA, former Board Chairperson
- Y Partners Campaign, Former Chairperson
- National Bicentennial Writing Competition, Judge 1987

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- Notre Dame Club of Minnesota, Lifetime Member