

You may have seen lists of specialty lawyers compiled from other attorney's suggestions.

All MSBA Board Certified Specialists have been objectively reviewed by at least five other attorneys familiar with their real property law skills

An MSBA Board Certified Specialist has done even more to verify his or her credentials.

Since 1989, the Minnesota State Bar Association has been accredited as an professional organization qualified to certify attorneys as Real Property Law specialists. Only lawyers who successfully complete the application process and continue to be in compliance with all program requirements may call themselves MSBA Board Certified Specialists.

The MSBA congratulates attorneys who have earned Board Certified Specialist designation for their continuing achievements in the area of real property law.

MSBA Board Certified attorneys have taken the extra step.

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“The certifying process used in Minnesota has been uniformly recognized as an arduous process that employs a wide range of assessment methods. Attorneys certified by the MSBA are generally recognized for superior achievement in real property law”

-Thomas Wolf, former member of the State Board of Legal Certification

Certification as an MSBA Real Property Specialist means that your attorney has completed a rigorous approval process to establish that he or she is fully qualified to represent people or businesses in real property law matters.

Certification validates a lawyer’s specialty.

Certification provides discerning clients with proven credentials.

Certification assists clients seeking a lawyer who can meet their legal needs.

What must an attorney do to earn specialist certification?

In order to be certified in Minnesota as a Real Property Specialist, each attorney must complete the following:

- Successful completion of a written examination consisting of questions specific to the practice of real property law in Minnesota.
- Verification that the applicant has been a licensed attorney in Minnesota for three years prior to application.
- Disclosure and investigation of attorney’s ethical history and claims against attorney, if any.
- Certification by the applicant that he or she devotes at least 300 hours per year to real property law.
- Documentation by the applicant of at least 30 hours of continuing legal education courses in the area of real property law continuing while certified.
- Receive positive references from five attorneys who practice in real property law and are familiar with the applicant’s practice

The application of each lawyer is reviewed by the Real Property Certification Board, a voluntary council consisting of certified specialists appointed by the MSBA Real Property Section.

The Board determines whether each applicant has sufficient expertise, experience and reputation to warrant certification and recertification and audits specialists’ every year.

