

# Statement of Qualifications

## Steven L. Reyelts

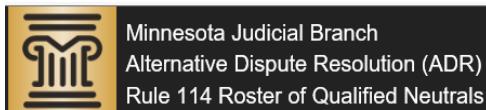


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Steve Reyelts has over 45 years of experience in resolving civil cases in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Steve is a very active Mediator and Arbitrator and has adjudicated hundreds of claims over the course of his practice. Additionally, through his extensive civil litigation practice, Steve has tried hundreds of cases and appeared as counsel in Mediations and Arbitrations.

Steve has been an ADR Neutral certified by the Minnesota Supreme Court, since the inception of the formal ADR requirements within the state of Minnesota.



Steve is also a member of the Wisconsin Association of Mediators and ACR (Association for Conflict Resolution) Wisconsin.



Steve has appeared as a lecturer in the area of Alternative Dispute Resolution throughout the Midwest, appearing before Minnesota State Bar Association audiences of Plaintiffs and Defense Attorneys, Minnesota Defense Lawyers and Twin Cities Claim Association, and various insurers.

## **FLEXIBILITY AND VERSATILITY**

Steve conducts Mediations and Arbitrations at the Conference Center of Northland Trial Team, located at 1105 East Superior Street in Duluth, Minnesota.

Steve has also conducted Mediations via Zoom, Facetime, telephone and other platforms.

## **LEGAL CAREER OVERVIEW**

Steve was born in California and raised in Western Canada (Edmonton, Vancouver and Saskatoon). He is a graduate of Aden Bowman Collegiate Institute in Saskatoon, a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota and a 1978 graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School. Steve has been defending civil cases for over 42 years, with a practice that includes extensive work in liquor liability defense, professional liability defense, construction law, employment law, admiralty law and commercial, auto and homeowner's coverage issues. Steve has been a lecturer at various Continuing Legal Education seminars, for Bar Association Groups, for Insurers, along with regular appearances on PBS television program "Lawyers on the Line." Steve has made presentations for the Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association and the Twin Cities Claim Association. (He is a member of both organizations.)

Steve is the former President of the Eleventh District (Duluth) Bar Association and a former member of the Board of Governors of the Minnesota State Bar Association. He has served on the Standing Committee on Lawyers Public Service Responsibility for the American Bar Association. He recently served two terms as a member of the Board of Directors of Minnesota CLE.

Steve was a member of the first class of "Rising Stars" named by Law and Politics in 1992 and has received the designation of Super Lawyer for over 20 years. He enjoys the highest rating (AV Preeminent) by Martindale-Hubbell. (Legal Knowledge 5/5 ... Analytical Capability 5/5 ... Judgment 5/5 ... Communication 5/5 ... and Legal Experience 5/5.)

In addition to his private practice, Steve has engaged in significant pro bono work throughout his career. He served on the Minnesota Supreme Court Legal Services Commission and has been President of the Volunteer Attorney Program in Duluth. He has been the Volunteer Attorney of the Year on local and state levels. He was awarded the 1989 Pro Bono Publico Award by the Minnesota Legal Services Coalition. He was awarded the Reece Smith Award for outstanding national leadership in providing legal services to the poor at the 2002 ABA Equal Justice Conference in Cleveland.

Steve had tried cases throughout the State of Minnesota and Wisconsin. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota and all Minnesota State Courts.