

## Tom Olson

- Knowledge of Construction: Tom has advised contractors and sureties in construction for over twenty-five years on issues spanning most areas of underground, highway and vertical construction.
- Proactive Solutions: Tom regularly assists public contractors to secure extra payment and time extensions on city, county, state and federal projects through cooperation, not confrontation.
- Technical Knowledge: Clients use Tom's understanding of construction for more than legal advice. For example, Tom has assisted clients prepare, revise and update construction schedules (both CPM and bar chart).
- Trial Experience: Tom has trial experience before arbitration panels, state and federal courts, and federal contracting boards.
- Appellate Experience: Tom has argued appeals before the multiple state and federal appellate courts.
- Lien and Bond: Tom prepared an analysis of lien and bond laws for every state within the United States.
- DOT Specifications: Tom prepared an analysis of DOT specifications for every state within the United States. Tom regularly assists contractors, lawyers, engineers and public owners interpret DOT specifications. Furthermore, Tom continues to consult with construction associations, DOTs and federal highway representatives regarding better ways to prepare DOT specifications to avoid future disputes.
- Effective: Tom has successfully challenged the assessment of liquidated damages for many clients.
- Industry Advisory Board (IAB), Louisiana Tech University's Trenchless Technology Center (TTC)
- National Utility Contractors Association (Board Member 2014-present)
- National Utility Contractors Association (Trenchless Technology Committee 2012-present)
- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
- American Concrete Paving Association (ACPA)
- Concrete Paving Association of Minnesota (CPAM)
- Construction Law Section, Minnesota State Bar Association
- Minnesota Association of General Contractors (AGC)
- Minnesota Utility Contractors Association (MUCA) (Board Member 2003-2005)
- Gopher State One Call Statute Advisory Committee (Helped Pass One Call Statute)
- Minnesota Asphalt Pavement Association (MAPA)
- Dakota Asphalt Pavement Association (DAPA)
- North Dakota AGC (DOT Specifications Committee 2008-Present)
- North Dakota NUCA (Since inception in 2018)
- South Dakota AGC (Concrete Paving and Municipal Utilities Committees 2007-Present)
- Nebraska AGC (Paving, Utility and Grading Committees 2009-Present)

- Iowa AGC (Specifications Committee 2009-Present)
- Iowa NUCA (Board Member 2019)
- Colorado NUCA (Government & Industry Committee 2012-Present)

## **EDUCATION**

- Hamline University School of Law, Juris Doctor (1985)
  - Tom has been a meticulous, thorough writer and editor since law school, where he was an editor of Law Review.
  - Tom honed his ability to think quickly as a member of the Mock Trial and Moot Court Teams.
  - After graduating, Tom continued to contribute his skills as an advocate and a mentor by serving as an adjunct professor of trial skills (1986-1994).
- University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, B.A. Political Science (1982)
- Geopier Soil Reinforcement Technical Training, Phoenix, AZ (2011)
- AAA Arbitrator Training (2006)
- AAA Arbitrator II Workshop (2002)
- AAA Arbitrator Update (2002)
- AAA Construction Industry Arbitrator Training (1998)
- University of Georgetown Center of Strategic and International Studies (1990)

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- All courts of the State of Minnesota
- All courts of the State of Iowa
- All courts of the State of Nebraska
- All courts of the State of North Dakota
- All courts of the State of South Dakota
- United States District Court for the District of Minnesota
- United States District Court for the District of North Dakota
- United States District Court for the District of Northern Iowa
- United States District Court for the District of Southern Iowa
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Federal Claims