



CYRI VAN HECKE

Associate

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OVERVIEW

Cyri Van Hecke focuses her legal practice in the areas of real estate and construction litigation. She has represented financial institutions, contractors, suppliers, owners, commercial carriers, railroads, and other public and private entities in a variety of real estate and construction litigation matters. Cyri also has extensive experience with commercial real estate and lending transactions, including real estate acquisition, leasing, construction, development, and financing matters.

Cyri is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Hamline University School of Law, where she was honored multiple times with the CALI Excellence for the Future Award, an award given to the highest scoring student in each class. During law school, she volunteered with the Indian Legal Assistance Program. Cyri earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, *summa cum laude*, at The College of Saint Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- Represented a variety of public and private companies in disputes involving:
 - Quiet title actions;
 - Defective design, defective construction, and delay claims;
 - Torrens proceedings;
 - Historic preservation actions;
 - Commercial lease disputes;
 - Evictions;
 - Easement and boundary disputes;
 - Eminent domain proceedings;
 - Real estate acquisition, sales, and financing matters;
 - Mechanic's liens claims; and
 - Contract disputes.
- Represented international bridge design firm in \$80+ million dispute arising from claims made by bridge's general contractor for additional compensation due, in part, to alleged design defects.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Litigation

- Appeals
- Construction & Real Estate Litigation

Real Estate

- Acquisitions, Sales & Exchanges
- Commercial Leasing
- Design & Construction
- Real Estate Financing

Financial Services

- Commercial Loan Documentation
- Loan Workouts, Creditor Remedies & Bankruptcy Representation

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

South Dakota

U.S. District Court

- Minnesota

EDUCATION

Hamline University School of Law

J.D., *magna cum laude*

Honors: Dean's List

The College of Saint Scholastica

B.A., *summa cum laude*

Honors: Webster Scholar

- Represented a religious corporation in defending a lawsuit brought by parishioner group under Minnesota Environmental Rights Act asserting that church building was an historical resource.
- Represented major U.S. railroad in a variety of real estate litigation matters, including right-of-way quiet title actions, disputes, administrative law proceedings, condemnations, and lease disputes.

Decisions

- *In re Petition by Qwest Corporation for Resolution of a Dispute with BNSF Railway Company Over the Use of Railroad Right-of-Way Under Minn. Stat. § 237.045*, 918 N.W.2d 578, (Minn. Ct. App. 2018)

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota: Board of Directors 2019; Land Acquisition Committee Member 2017-2019
- American Bar Association: Forum on Construction Law
- Minnesota State Bar Association: Real Property Section; Construction Law Section
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- American Rail Development Association

SELECTED HONORS

- **Recognized on Minnesota Rising Stars list as part of the Super Lawyers® selection process, 2019** (*Minnesota Rising Stars is a designation given to only 2.5 percent of Minnesota attorneys each year, based on a selection process that includes the recommendation of peers in the legal profession.*)
- **CALI Excellence for the Future Award:** Summer 2011, Fall 2011, and Spring 2012

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Legal Update Panel: Minnesota Standard Crossing Fee Statute Appeal, American Railway Development Association, 2019
- "Internet Resources for Real Estate Lawyers," The 2015 Real Estate Institute, Minnesota CLE, 2015
- "Foundations of Real Estate Transactions," Minnesota State Bar Association, 2015
- "Links to Success: Internet Resources for Real Estate Lawyers," co-presenter, MSBA, 2015

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *50-State Survey of Licensed Design Professional's Stamping and Sealing Obligations*, contributing author, ABA Forum on Construction Law – Division 3 - Design, 2018