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OVERVIEW

Bill Mower has been helping clients solve problems and pursue opportunities with legal-related advice and counsel for more than 25 years. He represents a wide variety of clients in connection with mergers and acquisitions and management buy-outs. Bill counsels public companies in connection with their securities law compliance and general corporate matters and represents issuers and underwriters in connection with public and private securities offerings, secondary offerings, and alternative offerings. He also assists clients with their licensing and joint venture relationships, serves as de-facto general counsel to numerous public and private companies, and has real estate transactional experience.

Bill is a partner in Maslon's Corporate & Securities Group and a former member of the firm's Governance Committee.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- *Famous Dave's of America, Inc.* – Principal outside counsel for over 20 years. Managed transactions including asset purchases and sales, bank financings, and initial and secondary public offerings. Responsible for Securities and Exchange Act compliance and other securities and corporate matters.
- *Raven Industries, Inc.* – Principal outside securities and acquisitions counsel of this diversified manufacturing company. Responsible for asset and business acquisitions and dispositions; Securities and Exchange Act compliance.
- *Global Traffic Network, Inc.* – Principal outside counsel of this international media-related company; initial public and secondary offerings, international acquisitions, and Securities and Exchange Act compliance.
- *G&K Services, Inc.* – Acquisitions and real estate leasing and acquisition transactions; public offerings and Securities and Exchange Act compliance.
- *Grand Casinos, Inc.* – Real estate acquisition and development transactions; negotiation of casino management agreements; initial public and secondary offerings and other financing transactions; Securities and Exchange Act compliance.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Corporate & Securities

- Corporate Governance
- Emerging Businesses & Venture Capital
- Executive Compensation
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Management & Leveraged Buyouts
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Public Company Securities Offerings & Compliance

Real Estate

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

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

Wisconsin

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Law School
J.D., *magna cum laude*

Drake University
B.S. B.A., *magna cum laude*

- Underwriters' counsel in private and initial public offerings; counsel to financial advisors in merger and acquisition transactions.
- Numerous smaller public and private companies in the biotechnology, ethanol production, technology, precious metals, and hospitality industries – public offerings, private placements (PIPE offerings) and alternative public offerings; negotiation of merger agreements; restructuring of assets; joint ventures and related party partnerships and LLCs; executive employment, compensation and separation agreements; general corporate and contract advice; and Securities and Exchange Act compliance.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- Maslon LLP: Governance Committee Member 2018-2021
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Hennepin County Bar Association
- Minnesota Cup: Former Review Board Member, Food/Agriculture/Beverage Division 2014-2016
- Numerous Non-Profit Board Memberships

SELECTED HONORS

- **Recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business***, Corporate/M&A, Minnesota, 2018
- **Recognized on Minnesota Super Lawyers® list**, 2000-2004, 2010-2020 (*Minnesota Super Lawyers® is a designation given to only 5 percent of Minnesota attorneys each year, based on a selection process that includes the recommendation of peers in the legal profession.*)
- **Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America®***, 2021-2022
- **AV Preeminent**, Martindale-Hubbell®

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Maslon Sponsors 12th Annual Minnesota Cup Competition; Served as Minnesota Cup Review Board Member
- Maslon Sponsors 10th Annual Minnesota Cup Competition; Served as Minnesota Cup Review Board Member
- "Financing Your Business in This Economy," Small Public Company Forum – the Inaugural Event, 2009

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Chapter 2, "Choice of Entity," co-author, *Corporations Deskbook*, Minnesota CLE, 1st ed. (2017 update)
- "Friendly Fire From the SEC," co-author, *Today's General Counsel*, February/March 2012