

Patrick Costello

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Summary

Patrick K. Costello is a partner in the law firm of Costello, Carlson & Butzon, LLP. Founded in 1893, the firm has offices in Jackson, Lakefield and Heron Lake, Minnesota. A graduate of Hamline University and Creighton University School of Law, Costello is a native of Lakefield. His law practice involves large and complex estates, agricultural law, real estate, probate and trust, estate and gift tax, business and charitable entities, estate planning, and commercial transactions. Costello is a member of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, the American Bar Association, and the Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska State Bar Associations. He is a director of the Minnesota State Bar Foundation. Costello is the past-president of the American Agricultural Law Association. He is also a member of the American Veterinary Medical Law Association and the Minnesota Hispanic Bar Association. He has served on the board of governors of Minnesota State Bar Association and as chair of their Agricultural Law Section, and as co-chair of the Animal Law Committee of the Tort, Trial and Insurance Section of the ABA. Costello is a frequent contributor to Minnesota Continuing Legal Education as an author and speaker. He is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association's Sections on Agricultural Law, Real Property, Business Law, Probate and Trust Law, Animal Law, Immigration Law, Elder Law, Solo and Small Firm Practice and Outstate Practice. In the ABA, he is a member of the Sections on Real Property, Trust and Estate Law, Antitrust Law, and Legal Education & Admissions to the Bar. He has primarily represented farmers for thirty-five years. Specialties: Private charitable foundations; federal estate and gift taxation; probate and trust law; estate litigation; guardianship; banking; agricultural law; business law; partnerships; corporations.

Experience

Partner at Costello, Carlson & Butzon, LLP

September 1977 - Present (37 years 6 months)

Senior partner engaged in the general practice of law, primarily in transactional matters.

Organizations

American Agriculture Law Association

President

October 2013 to October 2014

Minnesota State Bar Foundation

Director

December 2012 to Present

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel

Fellow

April 2013 to Present

Honors and Awards

Excellence In Agricultural Law

American Agricultural Law Association

October 2010

The purpose of the Excellence in Agricultural Law Award is to recognize outstanding contributions to the legal profession and the agricultural community.

Projects

Farmland Retention Program for the Southwest Initiative Foundation

August 1994 to Present

Members: Patrick Costello, Sherry E Ristau, Diana Anderson, Liz Cheney, CFRE

A program designed for donors who wish to donate farmland and do not want the farmland sold; often used with a donor advised fund as an element of the gift. Also, used when donors want to reserve a life estate in farmland prior to the full transfer to the charity.

Skills & Expertise

Estate Planning

Commercial Litigation

Trials

Elder Law

Torts

Estate Law

Mediation

Wills

Trusts

Legal Writing

Legal Research

Business Litigation

Real Estate

Immigration Law

Estate Administration

Public Speaking

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Guardianship

Arbitration

Wrongful Death

Construction Law

Agricultural Law

Nonprofits

Education

Creighton University

J.D., Law, 1974 - 1977

Activities and Societies: Phi Alpha Delta

Hamline University

B.A., Social Studies, 1970 - 1974

Activities and Societies: Pi Gamma Mu

Honors and Awards

Bar Admissions: Supreme Court of Iowa. 1977. Supreme Court of Nebraska. 1977. United States District Court for the District of Nebraska. 1977. Supreme Court of Minnesota. 1978. United States Tax Court. 1979. United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. 1981. United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa. 1982. United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. 1982. United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. 1994. American Bar Association: Vice-Chair of the Animal Law Committee of the Tort, Trial and Insurance Section, 2004-2008; Minnesota State Bar Association: Board of Governors, 1993-1994; 2003-2008; 2012-2013; Chair of the Outstate Practice Section, 1992-1994, 2008-2010; Chair of the Agricultural Law Section, 2002-2004. Seventeenth Judicial District Bar Association. President, 1992-1993; 2004-2005; Chair of the Fee Arbitration Panel, 1991 - present. Iowa State Bar Association. Nebraska State Bar Association.

Interests

Agriculture, Peru, rural issues, Norwegian-American History, Great Swiss Cattle dogs, Italian cars, old German radios, raspberries, self-winding wrist watches, South America, history, political science, sociology, anthropology, economics, psychology, social philosophy, and human geography.

Publications

Farm Leases: Past, Present and Future

Minnesota Continuing Legal Education December 2014

Authors: Patrick Costello

Farm leases analyzed over time and into the future.

Certifications

Qualified adjudicative and evaluative neutral, under ADR Rule 114 Minnesota Rules of General Practice

Minnesota Judicial Branch License ADR I.D. #6174 July 2014 to July 2018

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