NOMINATION
FOR MSBA ENRE LAW SECTION
2018 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Nominee: Dick Nowlin

Nominator: Jeff Sepesi

I would like to nominate Dick Nowlin. Dick has practiced environmental and land use law throughout his 30 plus year career. He is one of the pioneers of modern environmental law in Minnesota.

From 1973 through 1979 he served as chief staff counsel for the Metropolitan Council, where he was involved in developing the Metropolitan Land Planning Act and other seminal Minnesota environmental and land use laws and regulations. Since 1980 he has been in private practice in the environmental and land-use area. He led Oppenheimer. Wolf and Donnelly's environmental practice. Later, he led Lindquist & Vennum's Environmental and Land Use practice group.

His practice has involved handling complex environmental and land-use matters for public and private entities. His work includes securing governmental authorizations and managing Minnesota's project-specific environmental review process; facilitating brownfields redevelopment with environmental clearances and grant funding; negotiating stipulation and compliance agreements and securing permits and variances from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; assisting with environmental and land use litigation; developing legislative and regulatory proposals; and assisting businesses on environmental health and safety compliance and permitting in the areas of air and water quality, waste, sewage, solid waste, noise and wetlands

Dick also helped organize and served as the executive director of the Sensible Land Use Coalition from 1980 to 1990, and helped organize not only the Industrial Council on Environmental Management, but also the River Resource Alliance, which represents agricultural and commercial navigation interests on the upper Mississippi River. He served as a member of the St. Paul Planning Commission from 1998 to 2002.