



MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD



Charles E. (Chuck) Spevacek was appointed to the Board in February of 2026 by Governor Walz for a term ending in January of 2029. He occupies an unrestricted Board position and supports the RPM party.

Mr. Spevacek is a Senior Partner in the Minneapolis office of the law firm Meagher + Geer, P.L.L.P. He has over 40 years of experience litigating complex commercial cases, with particular emphasis on the trial and appeal of matters involving the insurance industry.

Mr. Spevacek serves on the Board of Directors of the Ridgeview Hospital Foundation and has previously served on the Board of Directors of The Purdue Alumni Association and Center of the American Experiment. Mr. Spevacek is a graduate of Purdue University and Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.



STATE of MINNESOTA

Executive Department

Governor Tim Walz

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Charles Spevacek

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

Member #1

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Effective: February 4, 2026

Expires: January 1, 2029

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

Signed and sealed January 30, 2026.



Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

Tim Walz, GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Simon in black ink.

Steve Simon, SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed January 30, 2026
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Steve Simon

Replacing: George Soule

Application for the position Member Application Date: 11/19/2025 12:56:32 PM

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Part I: Position Sought

Agency Name: Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Position: Member
Seat: No preference

Part II: Applicant Information

Name: Charles Edward Spevacek
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US House District: 3

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Recommended by the Appointing Authority: No
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Home County: Hennepin
Home Zip: 55331

Part III: Appending Documentation

Cover Letter and Resume

Type	File Type	
Resume	application/pdf	

Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

Type	File Name
No additional documents found.	

Part IV: Optional Statistical Information

Race and Natural Origin: White or Caucasian
Gender: Male
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin: No
Heard about vacancy from: No Answer

Political Party: Republican
Disability: No
Veteran: No
Age when applied: No Answer

Part V: Signature

Signature: Charles Spevacek

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Charles E. Spevacek

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Overview

Chuck has over 40 years of experience litigating complex commercial cases, with particular emphasis on the trial and appeal of insurance coverage disputes, including breach of contract, declaratory judgment, class action and bad faith actions. Chuck was named in 2025, 2021, and 2016 by The Best Lawyers in America as its Minneapolis Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action – Defendants “Lawyer of the Year.” He was also named as its 2019 and 2014 Minneapolis Insurance Law “Lawyer of the Year.” He has twice been recognized by *Minnesota Lawyer* as an “Attorney of the Year,” in 2013 and in 2006. He was chosen as one of Minnesota’s 10 best appellate lawyers and has been recognized since 1994 as a Minnesota Super Lawyer, earning Top 100 distinction in fifteen of those years. Since 2013, he has been identified by Chambers USA as one of America’s Leading Litigation Lawyers for Business. In 2021, Chuck was named a “Minnesota ICON” by *Finance & Commerce* and *Minnesota Lawyer*.

Chuck is one of 788 attorneys and seventy Barristers from forty-four countries recognized in *Lexology Index: Insurance*. Additionally, Chuck has been included in its *Thought Leaders: USA* report for his expertise in advising on significant matters in insurance and reinsurance. Nominees are selected based on comprehensive, independent survey work with both general counsel and private practitioners worldwide. He is a Fellow of the American College of Coverage Counsel.

Chuck has served as a national coordinating coverage counsel for several of his clients, including on matters involving environmental losses, cyber-liability, TPCA claims and, most recently, COVID-19 claims. He has shared his expertise on insurance issues in testimony before the Minnesota Legislature. Chuck has served on the Board of Directors of The Purdue Alumni Association, Center of the American Experiment, and the Ridgeview Hospital Foundation.

Representative clients include Argo Group US, BNSF Railway Company, Brown & Brown, Inc., Certain Underwriters at Lloyds of London, Chubb Limited, Curi Insurance, Everest Global Services, Inc., Federated Mutual Group, The Great American Insurance Group, The Guilford Specialty Group, Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, Intact Insurance Specialist Solutions,

Services

- ◆ Appellate
- ◆ Insurance
 - ◇ Insurance - Bad Faith
 - ◇ Insurance Coverage
 - ◇ Insurance - Reinsurance

State Bar Admissions

- ◆ Minnesota, 1981

Federal Court Admissions

- ◆ United States Supreme Court, 1989
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, First Circuit, 2009
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 2015
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 2006
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, 1997
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 2010
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 2005
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 1981
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 1993
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, 1999
- ◆ United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 2014
- ◆ United States Bankruptcy Court, 2011
- ◆ United States Federal Court of Claims, 1981

James River Group, Sampo Holdings, Riverstone Claims Management Services, Inc., RLI Insurance Company, and The Travelers Companies, Inc.

Chuck's experience includes work on several major cases whose decisions have been cited as significant precedent in over 300 published opinions and scholarly papers.

Education

- ◆ Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, J.D., 1980
- ◆ Purdue University, B.S., 1977



Experience

Major Cases

- ◆ *Home Depot, Inc. v. Steadfast Ins. Co., et. al.*, 125 F.4th 769 (6th Cir. 2025) (rejecting the claim for "silent cyber" coverage under a CGL insurance contract).
- ◆ *Prisk v. Travelers Indemnity Co. of Am.*, 81 F.4th 782 (8th Cir. 2023).
- ◆ *Great American Alliance Ins. Co. v. Windermere Baptist Conf. Center, Inc.*, 931 F.3d 771 (8th Cir. 2019).
- ◆ *Rarick v. Federated Serv. Ins. Co.*, 852 F.3d 223 (3d Cir. 2017) (in a case of first impression in the Third Circuit, adopted the "independent claim test" for determining whether the federal courts have discretion to exercise jurisdiction over actions in diversity seeking both legal and declaratory relief).
- ◆ *Land O' Lakes v. Employers Ins. Co. of Wausau*, 2013 WL 4559813 (8th Cir., Aug. 29, 2013) (no coverage for cleanup of contaminated refinery).
- ◆ *Engineering & Construction Innovations, Inc. v. L. H. Bolduc Co., Inc.*, 825 N.W.2d 695 (Minn. 2013) (additional insured

- ◆ United States District Court, Eastern District of California, 1995
- ◆ United States District Court, Central District of Illinois, 1994
- ◆ United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2007
- ◆ United States District Court, Northern District of Indiana, 2009
- ◆ United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana, 2007
- ◆ United States District Court, District of Minnesota, 1981
- ◆ United States District Court, District of Nebraska, 1996

coverage applies only to vicarious liability).

- ◆ *Cynosure, Inc. v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co.*, 645 F.3d 1 (1st Cir. 2011) (no coverage for TCPA claims under MA law).
- ◆ *Cargill, Inc. v. ACE American Ins. Co.*, 784 N.W.2d 341 (Minn. 2010) (recognizing an equitable right to contribution for defense costs paid by a defending insurer against a non-defending insurer).
- ◆ *West Bend Mut. Ins. Co. v. Federated Mut. Ins. Co.*, 598 F.3d 918 (7th Cir. 2010) (holding insurer's absolute pollution exclusion valid under Indiana law).
- ◆ *Anderson v. Minnesota Insurance Guaranty Association et. al.*, 534 N.W.2d 706 (Minn. 1995), reh'g denied (Sept. 20, 1995) (rejecting "regulatory estoppel" as a means of invalidating the "sudden and accidental" pollution exclusion).
- ◆ *Northern States Power Co. v. Fidelity and Casualty Co.*, 523 N.W.2d 657 (Minn. 1994) (announcing a pro-rata by time on the risk rule for allocation of indemnity amongst consecutively triggered insurance policies).
- ◆ *Federated Mutual Insurance Company v. Concrete Units Inc.*, 363 N.W.2d 751 (Minn. 1985) reh'g denied (March 29, 1985) (establishing that the term "property damage" as defined in the standard general liability policy did not include "diminution in value").

Professional Affiliations

- ◆ Charter Member, Insurance Litigation Institute of America
- ◆ Defense Research Institute
- ◆ Minnesota State Bar Association
- ◆ Hennepin County Bar Association
- ◆ Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association
- ◆ Past Board of Directors and Past-Chair, Ridgeview Hospital Foundation
- ◆ Emeritus Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- ◆ Past Board of Directors and Past-Chair, Center of the American Experiment
- ◆ Past Board of Directors, The Purdue Alumni Association

Notable

Accolades

- ◆ Fellow, American College of Coverage Counsel (Established in 2012, the ACCC is composed of preeminent coverage counsel in the United States and Canada, representing the interests of both insurers and policyholders. Membership is limited, and is by invitation only)
- ◆ Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business: Litigation & Appellate, Commercial Litigation, 2013-2025
- ◆ Emeritus Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America (A trial lawyer honorary society, with membership limited to one-half of one percent of American lawyers, and by invitation only)
- ◆ Legal 500 Elite – Commercial Disputes, 2025
- ◆ Fellow, American Bar Foundation (Membership is limited to one percent of the lawyers admitted to practice in each jurisdiction of the United States, by invitation only)
- ◆ Named by America's Top 100 Attorneys® a Lifetime Achievement Member for his legal achievements, professional

experience and community involvement. (Selection as a lifetime achievement member is based on a broad array of criteria, including professional experience, lifetime achievements, significant case results, peer reputation, and community impact. The result is a careful screening process through third-party research and statistical analysis in which less than one-half percent (.5%) of active attorneys in the United States will receive this honor.)

- ◆ Named a “Minnesota ICON,” Finance & Commerce and Minnesota Lawyer, 2021
- ◆ Minnesota Lawyer's Attorney of the Year (AOTY) in 2006 and 2013
- ◆ The Best Lawyers in America® 2025 Minneapolis Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action-Defendants "Lawyer of the Year"
- ◆ The Best Lawyers in America® 2021 Minneapolis Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action-Defendants "Lawyer of the Year"
- ◆ The Best Lawyers in America® Minneapolis Insurance "Law Lawyer of the Year" in 2014 and 2019
- ◆ The Best Lawyers in America® 2016 Minneapolis Mass Tort Litigation/Class Action-Defendants "Lawyer of the Year"
- ◆ Recognized since 1994 in the Minnesota Super Lawyers® list
- ◆ Selected for inclusion in "Minnesota's Top Lawyers" list in the area of Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions, *Minnesota Monthly*, 2023
- ◆ Awarded the highest possible Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating, AV® Preeminent™ (AV is a registered certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell certification procedures, standards and policies)
- ◆ Recognized by *Lexology Index*, "2025 Recommended in “Insurance” and Thought Leader in “Thought Leaders: USA Insurance & Reinsurance”

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Original statement of economic interest

Public Official Information

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Agency Information

Agency: Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Position: Member (February 4, 2026 through present)

Period Covered

The period covered by this statement is January 1 to January 31, 2026.

Certification

I certify that the information contained in this statement is complete, true, and correct.

Charles Spevacek - submitted electronically on 2/09/2026

Charles Spevacek

Sources of Compensation

Report the name of any associated business from which you or your spouse received compensation for labor or personal services in excess of \$250 in any month during the reporting period.

.....Check each applicable category.....

Table with columns: Name of Source, Director, Officer, Owner, Member, Partner, Employer, Employee. Rows include Meagher + Geer, P.L.L.P. and Tungsten Automation, Inc.

Compensation from lobbyist, lobbyist principal, or interested person, for services as an independent contractor or consultant

None reported

Business ownership

None reported

Independent contracting

None reported

Securities

Report all businesses whose securities are valued at more than \$10,000 that you or your spouse individually or jointly held at any time during the reporting period. DO NOT include number of shares or value of shares. For stocks, list the name of the stock - do not list the symbol.

Table with two columns: Name of Securities. Lists various companies such as Alerian MLP, Apollo Commerical Real Estate Finance, Inc., Bank Montreal Quebec, BP, Enbridge, Inc., IBM, Keycorp, LyondellBasell Industries, Pfizer, Inc., Sibayne Stillwater Ltd., Southern Cooper Corp., USA Compression Partners, Williams Companies, Inc., Altria Group, Inc., AT&T, Inc., Barings BDC, Inc., Comerica, Inc., Exxon Mobil Corp., International Paper Co., Kinder Morgan, Inc., ONEOK, Inc., Shell, Simon Property Group, US Bancorp, Verizon Communications.

Real Property

None reported

Waiver granted for disclosure of secondary residence

Governement agency interests

None reported

Honoraria

None reported

Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing Interests

None reported