

EMPLOYMENT =====

2005 - Present, **President, [NORTH OAKS TITLE](#)**,
Vadnais Heights, Minnesota

2002 - Present, **Managing Partner, KNAAK & KANTRUD, P.A.**,
Vadnais Heights, Minnesota

**Frederic W. "Fritz"
Knaak**

1998 - 2001, **Partner, HOLSTAD & KNAAK, P.L.C.**,
St. Paul, Minnesota



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1995 - 1997 **Of Counsel, HOLSTAD & LARSON, P.L.C.**,
Vadnais Heights, Minnesota

1985 - 1995 **RAUENHORST & KNAAK**,
Roseville, Minnesota
(Formerly Rauenhorst, Carlson & Knaak)

In private general practice of law with rapidly-expanding law firms in northeast suburban Twin Cities area. Broad background includes substantial trial and appellate litigation experience in state and federal courts over approximately **34 years of private law practice**; legal counsel and former **City Attorney** for cities of [Fridley](#), [Maplewood](#) and [Newport](#), Minnesota (including criminal prosecution), and **Lake Elmo** (former), Legal Counsel, **Independent School District 833**. Forest Lake, Minnesota, the [White Bear Lake Conservation District](#), and a variety of medium-sized and smaller private, corporate, other business and individual clients, American located primarily in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The client base also includes a number of European businesses. **Served** as counsel, officer and member on the boards of directors of several corporate clients, including one "Inc. 500" national business concern, and charitable organizations, including as legal counsel for the White Bear Lake Area Lions Club. **Principal areas of practice** are general litigation, administrative and public law, criminal law, business law and litigation, local government, zoning, municipal law and probate. From 1996 through 2000, practice also included responsibilities as an **appointed Contract Administrative Law Judge** for the State of Minnesota.

Knaak has served as local counsel on a number of major constitutional cases before the Federal Courts, recently serving as legal counsel to the Minnesota Secretary of State in the recent Redistricting litigation. He was also lead counsel for the Minnesota Senate Republican Caucus in a recount dispute in southern Minnesota.

[North Oaks Title](#) in Minnesota, is a multi-state Title Insurance agency. Originally formed as part of **Ancona Title & Escrow** in Knaak's real estate law practice, it is now a separately incorporated business focussed on title, closing and escrow services. Its current exclusive underwriter is The Talon Group, itself a division of First American Title.

1983 - 1993: MINNESOTA STATE SENATE, St. Paul, Minnesota

Elected: State Senator in 1982; re-elected 1986 and 1990. Served as Senator from District 53 including parts of Ramsey and Washington Counties in the northeastern suburban metropolitan area. Elected: Floor Leader and Assistant Minority Leader.

Committees: Judiciary, Education, Education Funding Subcommittee, Metropolitan Affairs, Rules and Administration; Member, Legislative Commission to Review Administrative Rules; Member,

State Council on Black Minnesotans; Member, Legislative Commission of Children, Youth and Family Members; 1992 Legislator of the Year, Minnesota Association of Treatment Programs.

1978 - 1985: PETERSON, POPOVICH, KNUTSON & FLYNN,
St. Paul, Minnesota (Currently Knutson, Flynn, Hetland & Deans)

Private practice as Associate Attorney for law firm representing Minnesota School Board Association and over 100 school districts and other public employers in Minnesota and neighboring states. Experience includes advising large organization on employment and labor-related matters, including: work stoppages, employee benefits, contract management and interpretation; appearances in trial and administrative tribunals.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & ACTIVITIES =====

Member, Anoka, Ramsey and Washington County Bar Associations
Member, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado
Member, American Bar Association and Association of Trial Lawyers of America
Member, Gamma Eta Gamma Law Fraternity
Member, Minnesota City Attorney's Association
Member Representing Attorneys, Minnesota Electronic Real Estate Recording Task Force (Appointed 2005, reappointed by Governor Pawlenty in 2006)
Minnesota Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Member, (a private, non-bar affiliated organization of Minnesota attorneys dedicated to assisting chemically dependent lawyers and their families), 1984 - Present; (Board of Directors, 1986 - 1993; Secretary, 1987)
Administrative Law Judge, State of Minnesota (1996 - 2000)

COURTS =====

Admitted: to the Courts of the State of Minnesota, October, 1979
Admitted: the Courts of the States of Colorado and Wisconsin, 1994
Admitted: as Attorney and Counselor to United States Court District of Minnesota, March, 1980
Admitted: as Attorney and Counselor to United States Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
Admitted: Pro Hoc Vice, Superior Court, Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona, 1994

EDUCATION =====

University of Minnesota Law School, Juris Doctor, December, 1978
St. John's University, Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude, 1975
State University of Florence, Italy
University of Foreigners, Perugia, Italy
Rutgers College
White Bear Lake Senior High School, Honors, 1971

PERSONAL =====

Children: Benjamin 18, Andrew 16, Joseph 14, Paul 12, and Mary, 10 years.

Member, American Land Title Association (ALTA), Vadnais Heights Economic Development Corporation; White Bear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

Hobbies and Pastimes: Reading (history, law & poetry); Internet and computers; running & exercise; poetry; growing things; Italy & things Italian; Occasional Political Analyst, KTCA TV, Minnesota; Political Commentator WLKX, Forest Lake, Minnesota.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES =====

Italian: (fluent)

Spanish: (reading knowledge and some speaking ability)

REFERENCES =====

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Further references will be furnished on request.