

MINNESOTA LAWYER ATTORNEYS OF THE YEAR 2012

Edward F. Fox Bassford Remele

Like many top attorneys, Edward Fox has spent a lot of his life working.

But, for Fox, who is a shareholder and certified civil trial specialist at Bassford Remele, the long hours have paid off.

"I'm in the sweet spot," Fox said. "Everybody works their entire career to be where I'm at."

That's not to say Fox is coasting from that sweet spot. Far from it. He is on the job seven days a week for some of the top corporations in the country, including St. Jude Medical Inc., Pfizer (Wyeth), and Red Wing Shoe Company.

Fox said his job is "tremendously stressful," but also very creative and fulfilling. He specializes in complex litigation that includes product liability, unfair competition, and finance.

"It's a fast-paced, exciting litigation practice," Fox said. "The cases are terrifically condensed."

Much of Fox's time over the past several years has been spent defending client Wyeth in product-liability cases. Wyeth faces more than 5,000 lawsuits from people who say they were harmed by the company's hormone replacement therapy products, which have been prescribed to women to treat symptoms of menopause.

"In Minnesota, we have many thousands of these cases," explained Fox. "It's a gigantic piece of litigation."

Fox also spends much of his time on the road representing St. Jude Medical and other important clients in courtrooms across the country. He is admitted in over 25 state and federal courts.

A native New Yorker, Fox has made his home in St. Paul for more than 30 years. Until recently he was a longtime volunteer with the Clergy Review Board of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. And, for the past two decades he has served on the board of the nonprofit organization Public Art St. Paul.

"I love artists and musicians," said Fox. "It's fun and refreshing to interface with a whole different community of people. It's a great diversion."

—Marisa Helms

