

Milavetz, Gallop & Milavetz Ready To Help The People

By Sara Butterfass

When talking with Robert Milavetz, one can hear the passion in his voice and the excitement he still feels when helping people. Robert Milavetz of Milavetz, Gallop & Milavetz has been practicing law for over 40 years.

Just a couple of months ago, Milavetz opened a satellite office in Delano, located just off Highway 12 at 101 River St. S.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, then went on to receive his law degree from the William Mitchell College of Law in 1963.

The William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul has produced lawyers, judges, and civil servants such as Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger, and the first woman to serve on the Minnesota Supreme Court, Rosalie E. Wahl. That same year, Milavetz opened his own part-time office, Milavetz and Associates.

He also worked for the Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis and private firms for several years.

It did not take him long to decide that working from his own office would be best. He said he just liked the idea of having his own firm and doing what he wanted to do — help people.

It was important to be “where the people live,” he said. This still holds true today, but with the advent of the Internet, law firms have the ability to move away from big cities.

He explained, “It's not as necessary for a lawyer in the 21st century to be located near court records and a comprehensive law library because it's all on the Internet.”

“Things have changed a lot since I started,” he chuckled. “We still have people answering the phones, but now I can use my cell phone and be available when a client calls at 6 p.m.”

Approximately 20 years ago, Robert Milavetz was joined by his son-in-law, Jonathan Gallop, and son, Alan Milavetz to form Milavetz, Gallop & Milavetz.

With Robert Milavetz, it's all about the people and making sure their rights are protected.

Currently, he is a plaintiff in the case Milavetz, Gallop & Milavetz, P.A. v. U.S., which is about free-speech in relation to the Bankruptcy Act of 2005.

According to The New York Times, the Supreme Court has agreed to hear this case and will be reviewing it in December.

Reviewing his attorney biography on the firm's web site, one is impressed by the lengthy list of legal areas Milavetz has worked in.

The firm itself has been given an “AV” rating by the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory.

The “A” puts them in the “very high to preeminent” category and signifies professional excellence and the highest levels of skill and integrity.

The “V” is the highest rating given for “adherence to ethical standards, reliability, and diligence.

When asked why he opened an office in Delano Milavetz said that people in Delano and west of

the metro had been contacting him for years. "It's more convenient for the Delano people."

He understands that most people work 9-to-5 jobs, and having to drive to the Twin Cities, find a parking space, meet with an attorney, and drive home is a hassle after an eight-hour work day.

The Delano office is open by appointment only, with most of the appointments occurring after regular business hours and on weekends.

With a staff of 18 attorneys who specialize in a variety of areas, the most appropriate attorney can be sent for the appointment.

The lawyers of Milavetz, Gallop & Milavetz offer law services in areas such as personal injury, bankruptcy, family law, vehicle accidents, and others.

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