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PRACTICE AREAS

Business and Commercial
Litigation

Banking Litigation

Bankruptcy and Creditors'
Rights

Banking and Finance

Agriculture Law

Appellate Advocacy

Probate, Estate and Trust
Litigation

Abram Carls works primarily within commercial litigation, banking litigation and bankruptcy practice areas. Mr. Carls routinely advises on tort claims, contract disputes, secured transactions, and collections matters, and counsels clients throughout various stages of the civil litigation process, both federal and state. His prior experience in agricultural and business debtor representation provides useful insight into agricultural restructurings and liquidations and he provides guidance to creditors and banking institutions on their rights in bankruptcy proceedings and loan collection and foreclosure.

Mr. Carls graduated with distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law where he earned recognition for his multidisciplinary scholarship in innovation, business, and law and Dean's Awards for outstanding academic achievement. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Iowa in civil engineering and business management.

Prior to private practice, Mr. Carls clerked for the Honorable Thad J. Collins, Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Iowa. Mr. Carls is admitted to practice before the state courts of Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota, federal district courts in Illinois and Iowa, and the Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Bar Admissions

- State of Iowa
- State of Illinois
- State of Minnesota

Court Admissions

- US District Court
 - Northern & Southern Districts of Iowa

- Northern & Central Districts of Illinois
- US Court of Appeals
 - Eighth Circuit

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, JD, with distinction, 2013
- University of Iowa, 2010
 - BS, Civil Engineering, with distinction
 - BBA, Management, with high distinction

Clerkship

- Clerk for the Honorable Thad J. Collins, Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, 2013

Professional & Community Affiliations

Professional Memberships

- Iowa State Bar Association
 - Agriculture Law Section
 - Commercial and Bankruptcy Law Section
 - Construction Law Section
- Linn County Bar Association
- Judge David R. Hansen American Inn of Court, Member

Community Involvement

- Trees Forever, Board of Directors, Former Member

Presentations

2024 Presentation

- Farm Financial Distress and Foreclosure Considerations, ISU Ag Law Seminar & Farm Tax Workshop, 5/17/2024

2021 Presentation

- Minimizing Risks of Problematic Ag Loans, Iowa Bankers Association Peer Group, 5/6/2021

2020 Presentations

- Preparing for Chapter 12 Farm Bankruptcy, 11/12/2020
- Commercial, Ag and Business Collections in Turbulent Times, 5/20/2020

2019 Presentation

- eDiscovery: Data Retention, Spoliation & Effective Data Retrieval, 8/31/19

2018 Presentations

- Tips from Chambers, 9/28/18
- Chapter 12 Update, 6/19/18

2017 Presentation

- Iowa Agriculture Mortgage Foreclosure and Related Issues, 8/10/17

Honors & Awards

- Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2025
 - Banking and Finance Law, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers Rising Star list, 2018-2023
 - Business Litigation

News & Events

2024

- Abe Carls Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2025, 8/15/2024

2023

- Abe Carls Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2024, 08/17/2023
- Abe Carls Listed in 2023 Great Plains Rising Stars, 05/30/23

2022

- Abe Carls Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2023, 08/19/2022
- Abe Carls Listed in 2022 Great Plains Rising Stars, 07/28/22

2021

- Ag Lending Update: Revocable Trusts and Perfecting Security Interests, 02/26/21

2020

- 2020 Great Plains Super Lawyers Announced, 07/20/2020