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PRACTICE AREAS

Business and Commercial
Litigation

Probate, Estate and Trust
Litigation

Construction and Design
Practice

Appellate Advocacy

Chad Brakhahn is a litigation attorney practicing primarily in business and commercial litigation, probate, estate and trust litigation, construction and design law and appellate advocacy. He serves businesses in a variety of industries as well as individuals in litigation in both state and federal court and arbitration. Mr. Brakhahn was raised in Cedar Rapids, attended Harvard Law School and has been with Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC since 2011. He is licensed to practice law in Iowa and Nebraska.

Commercial Litigation. Mr. Brakhahn represents local and national businesses and individuals in state and federal court and arbitration. His practice includes various types of disputes, including breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duties, negligence, tortious interference with contract, and trade secrets.

Probate, Estate and Trust Litigation. Mr. Brakhahn represents various clients in disputes related to wills and trusts, including executors and beneficiaries to an estate, and trustees of a trust. His practice includes defending and prosecuting will contests and disputes related to fiduciary duties.

Construction and Design Practice. Mr. Brakhahn's clients include owners, contractors, architects and engineers in connection with public and private construction projects. His practice includes disputes related to the quality of work, mechanic's liens, defending design professionals and various other construction related matters.

Appellate Advocacy. Mr. Brakhahn represents clients through appeals of favorable and unfavorable trial court decisions. His work has resulted in successful decisions from the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, Iowa Supreme Court, and Iowa Court of Appeals.

Bar Admissions

- State of Iowa, 2011

- State of Nebraska, 2012

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals
 - Eighth Circuit, 2012
- US District Court
 - Northern & Southern Districts of Iowa, 2011

Education

- Harvard Law School, JD, 2011
- University of Nebraska, Omaha, BS, magna cum laude, 2007
 - Business Management
 - Political Science

Honors & Awards

- Fellow, Construction Lawyers Society of America, LLC
- Included in the Best Lawyers in America® list, 2025
 - Construction Law, Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers List, 2024
 - General Litigation
- Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers Rising Star list, 2014-2021
 - General Litigation
- CBJ "Forty Under 40" List, 2022

Professional & Community Affiliations

Professional Memberships

- Iowa State Bar Association
 - Board of Governors, District 6
- Nebraska State Bar Association
- Linn County Bar Association
- Construction Lawyers Society of America
- Greater Cedar Rapids Housing & Building Association, Member
- Master Builders of Iowa, Member

Community Involvement

- Kiwanis Miracle League at Prospect Meadows
 - Former Board of Directors
- Systems Unlimited, Inc., Member
 - Former President Board of Directors
 - Former Vice President, Board of Directors
- Kiwanis Club of Cedar Rapids, Member
 - Former President
 - Former Vice President
- Leadership for Five Seasons Graduate, 2016

News & Events

2024

- Chad Brakhahn Inducted as a Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America, 10/28/2024
- Chad Brakhahn Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2025, 8/15/2024
- Chad Brakhahn Listed in 2024 Great Plains Super Lawyers, 05/29/2024

2023

- Chad Brakhahn Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2024, 08/17/2023

2022

- SPMB Attorney Chad Brakhahn Makes CBJ "Forty Under 40" List, 09/07/22
- Chad Brakhahn Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2023, 08/19/2022
- Chad Brakhahn Named Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America, 07/20/2022

2021

- Best Lawyers® 2022, 08/19/2021

2020

- Best Lawyers In America Recognizes 37 SPMB Attorneys, 08/20/2020
- 2020 Great Plains Super Lawyers Announced, 07/31/2020
- Chad Brakhahn Elected to ISBA Board of Governors, 07/13/2020