



Jacob W. Nelson

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PRACTICE AREAS

Business and Commercial
Litigation

Construction and Design
Practice

Appellate Advocacy

Jacob Nelson is a litigation attorney with Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC where he is engaged primarily in general commercial litigation, distribution and franchise-related litigation and construction law. Prior to joining the firm in 2015, Mr. Nelson worked as a litigation attorney at Foley & Lardner LLP in Milwaukee.

Mr. Nelson served as a law clerk to Judge James E. Gritzner of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa. During law school, he was a judicial extern to Judge Aleta A. Trauger of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee. Prior to law school, Mr. Nelson was a member of the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps.

Place of Birth: Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Bar Admissions

- State of Iowa
- State of Wisconsin

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals
 - Seventh Circuit
 - Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court
 - Northern District of Iowa
 - Southern District of Iowa
 - Eastern District of Wisconsin
 - Western District of Wisconsin

Education

- Vanderbilt University Law School, JD, 2008
 - Moot Court Board
 - Mock Trial Board
- University of Iowa, BA, with honors and highest distinction, 2004
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Clerkship

- Judicial Clerk to the Honorable James E. Gritzner, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa
- Judicial Extern to the Honorable Aleta A. Trauger, United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee

Honors & Awards

- Included in the Best Lawyers in America® 2022-2025 Ones to Watch: Cedar Rapids
 - Commercial Litigation
- Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers list, 2022-2023
 - Business Litigation
- Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers Rising Star list, 2016-2017
- Graduate of the Leadership for Five Seasons, Class of 2017

Professional Affiliations

- Iowa State Bar Association
 - Litigation Section
 - Construction Law Section
- State Bar of Wisconsin
- Linn County Bar Association
- Greater Cedar Rapids Housing & Building Association
- Master Builders of Iowa

News & Events

2024

- Jake Nelson Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Ones to Watch: Cedar Rapids, 8/15/2024

2023

- Jake Nelson Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2024 Ones to Watch: Cedar Rapids, 08/17/2023
- Jake Nelson Listed in 2023 Great Plains Super Lawyers, 05/30/23

2022

- Jake Nelson Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2023 Ones to Watch: Cedar Rapids, 08/19/2022
- Jake Nelson Makes First Appearance on Great Plains Super Lawyers List, 07/29/2022

2021

- Best Lawyers in America® 2022 Ones to Watch: Cedar Rapids, 08/19/2021

2020

- Best Lawyers in America® 2021 Ones to Watch: Cedar Rapids, 08/20/2020