



## 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