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PRACTICE AREAS

Business Transactions and
Counseling

Mergers, Acquisitions and
Divestitures

Startups and Emerging
Companies

Banking and Finance

Kathleen Kleiman provides counsel to businesses in all aspects of commercial transactions . Having nearly 30 years of experience, Ms. Kleiman is well versed on the variety and complexity of issues relating to initial business structure, stock and asset acquisitions and dispositions, equity incentive plans and securities issues.

Prior Employment

- De La Rue Systems Americas, Cedar Rapids, IA, Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
- Unitrin, Inc., Chicago, IL, Corporate Counsel
- Helene Curtis, Inc., Chicago, IL, Corporate Counsel
- Latham & Watkins, Chicago, IL, Associate, Tax Department

Bar Admissions

- State of Iowa, 1997
- State of Illinois, 1988

Education

- The Yale Law School, JD, 1988
- University of Iowa, BBA, with highest distinction, 1985

Clerkship

- US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Law Clerk to Judge Walter Cummings

Honors & Awards

- Included in the Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year" list in Cedar Rapids, 2017-2019, 2021-2023
 - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), 2022
 - Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, 2021
 - Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2019
 - Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, 2018
 - Corporate Law, 2017, 2023
- Included in the Best Lawyers in America® list, 2025
 - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, Corporate Governance Law, Corporate Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers list, 2018 & 2019
- AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell®
 - "I have worked on a technical and complicated matter with her (Kathleen), that also had high stakes implications for the client. She is an outstanding lawyer."
-- Martindale-Hubbell®

Professional & Community Affiliations

Professional Memberships

- Iowa State Bar Association
 - Corporate Counsel Law Section
 - Business Law Section
- Linn County Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Cedar Rapids Opera Theatre, Board of Directors
- Entrepreneurial Development Center, Former Board of Directors and Chair
- Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce's Leadership for Five Seasons Graduate
- Xavier High School Foundation Business Appeal, Former Chair
- Linn Area BizPac, Former Member, Board of Directors
- Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce, Former Member, Board of Directors
- Brucemore, Former Member, Board of Trustees
- Miracles in Motion, Former Member, Board of Directors
- St. Luke's Health Care Foundation, Former Member, Board of Directors

News & Events

2024

- Kathleen Kleiman Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2025, 8/15/2024

2023

- Kathleen Kleiman Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2024, 08/17/2023

2022

- Kathleen Kleiman Recognized by Best Lawyers® as 2023 “Lawyer of the Year” for Corporate Law, 09/26/2022
- Kathleen Kleiman Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2023, 08/19/2022

2021

- Eleven SPMB Attorneys Named “Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers® 2022, 08/19/2021

2020

- Best Lawyers In America Recognizes 37 SPMB Attorneys, 08/20/2020