



## Matthew J. Adam

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### PRACTICE AREAS

Real Estate Law

Business Transactions and  
Counseling

Startups and Emerging  
Companies

Construction and Design  
Practice

Agriculture Law

Mergers, Acquisitions and  
Divestitures

Family Law

Banking and Finance

Business and Commercial  
Litigation

Wills, Trusts, Estate Planning  
and Probate Law

Matt Adam is a business, tax and criminal defense attorney with offices in Coralville and Cedar Rapids. He handles commercial and real estate transactions and counsels business owners and members regarding organizational and operational issues. Mr. Adam also works with individuals relating to family disputes and defends clients against charges of victimless crimes. He serves as an adjunct lecturer at the University of Iowa's Henry B. Tippie College of Business where he teaches Legal Aspects of Entrepreneurship. Mr. Adam has also obtained his private pilot license and enjoys flying, golfing, sports and spending time with his family.

**Real Estate.** Mr. Adam primarily handles both commercial and residential real estate transactions. In addition, he represents clients regarding the legal aspects of various real estate issues including annexation, zoning, real estate development, commercial leases, condominiums and 1031 exchanges.

**Corporate Transactions Business Counseling.** Mr. Adam advises businesses of all sizes and their members regarding entity organization, operations, governance, and planning, which includes the review, negotiation, and drafting of contracts related to mergers, sales and purchases of assets or stock, reorganizations, redemptions and buy-sell agreements.

**Family Law.** Mr. Adam represents individuals in all aspects of family dispute resolution, including traditional litigation.

**Criminal Law.** Mr. Adam defends clients against charges of victimless crimes such as DUIs, assault, drug possession and more.

### Bar Admissions

- State of Iowa, 2002

## Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, JD, 2002
- University of Iowa Henry B. Tippie School of Management, MBA, 2002
  - President: Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity
  - Editorial Staff Member: The Journal of Corporation Law
  - Assistant to the Director of the Executive MBA Program
- Truman State University, BS, magna cum laude, 1998
  - Major: Finance
  - Minor: Economics

## Honors & Awards

- Included in Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year" for Cedar Rapids, 2024
  - Construction Law
- Included in Best Lawyers in America® list, 2025
  - Construction Law, Real Estate Law
- Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers List
  - Real Estate Law, 2024
- Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers Rising Star list, 2014-2016
- BV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell®
  - "In several matters on which I have worked with Mr. Adam, he has displayed the care, pragmatism and collegiality that serves his clients well and reflects positively on the legal profession as a whole."  
-- Martindale-Hubbell®
- Corridor Business Journal's Forty Under 40, 2011

## Professional Affiliations

- Iowa State Bar Association
  - Real Estate and Title Law Section
- Linn County Bar Association
- Johnson County Bar Association

## News & Events

## **2024**

- Matt Adam Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2025, 8/15/2024
- Matt Adam Listed in 2024 Great Plains Super Lawyers, 05/29/2024

## **2023**

- Matt Adam Included in Best Lawyers® 2024 "Lawyer of the Year" for Construction Law, Cedar Rapids, 09/13/23
- Matt Adam Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2024, 08/17/2023
- Matt Adam Listed in 2023 Great Plains Super Lawyers, 05/30/23

## **2022**

- Matt Adam Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2023, 08/19/2022

## **2021**

- Best Lawyers® 2022, 08/19/2021

## **2020**

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

## **2019**

- Forward Air Corporation Acquires Linn Star "LSHI" for \$57.2 Million, 12/12/2019