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Practice Areas:

- **Products Liability**
- **Commercial Litigation**
- **Professional Liability**
- **Torts, Insurance Defense**
- **Bad Faith Litigation**
- **Insurance Coverage**

Education and Admissions:

- **University of Iowa, B.A., 1977**
- **University of Iowa, J.D., 1980**
- **Admitted to Iowa Bar, 1980**
- **U. S. District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa**
- **U. S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois**
- **U. S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit**
- **U. S. Supreme Court**

Professional Memberships and Activities:

- **American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow**
- **DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar**
 - **President 2013 - 2014**
 - **Officer 2010--2015**
 - **Board of Directors, 2007—2010**
 - **Chair, Annual Meeting, 2008**
 - **Chair, Public Policy Committee, 2009—2010**
 - **Iowa State Representative, 2004--2007**

- **National Foundation for Judicial Excellence (NFJE)**
 - **President, 2016 - present**
 - **Executive Committee, 2014 - present**
 - **Symposium Chair – 2011**
- **Iowa Defense Counsel Association**
 - **President, 2002--2003**
 - **Board of Directors, 1995--2007**
 - **Chairman, Jury Instruction Committee, 1996--1997**
 - **Chairman, Legislative Committee, 1997--2002**
 - **Membership Chair, 2004--2007**
- **International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), Member**
 - **Faculty, IADC Trial Academy, 2003**
 - **Masters in Advocacy, 2004**
 - **Plains Region and Iowa Membership Chair, 2008-2014**
- **Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (ADTA), Member**
- **Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC), Member**
- **Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers, Fellow**
- **American Board of Trial Advocates, (ABOTA), Member**
- **Iowa Super Lawyer**
 - **Civil Litigation – Defense**
 - **Product Liability**
 - **Insurance Coverage**
- **Listed in *Chambers USA Leading Lawyers for Business***
- **Lawyers for Civil Justice – Board Member 2012 - 2015**
- **American Bar Association**
 - **Litigation and Tort and Insurance Practice Sections**
- **Iowa State Bar Association**
 - **Board of Governors, 2000--2004**
 - **Litigation Section**
- **Fellow, Iowa State Bar Association Foundation**
- **Fellow, American Bar Association Foundation**
- **Linn County Bar Association**
 - **President, 1999--2000**
 - **Board of Governors, 1996--2001**
 - **Chair, Fee Arbitration Committee, 1988--1992**
 - **Chair, Ethics and Grievance Committee, 1992--1998**
- **Adjunct Professor, Mount Mercy College, 1981--1987**
- **Chair, Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, 2004--2005**