

# ROBERT LATHAN PALMER

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## EXPERIENCE

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### Iowa League of Cities

Des Moines, IA

*Government Affairs & Legislative Counsel*

September 2014-May 2015

- Develop legislative priorities, one-pagers, and other explanatory materials.
- Advocate on behalf of the Cities of Iowa before the Iowa Legislature.
- Monitor all proposed legislation for bills that impact cities.
- Present to city employees, city councils, and other groups on what is happening around the Capitol and in relation to the ILOC Legislative Priorities.
- Host a weekly conference call Monday mornings and send out a legislative newsletter Friday mornings.
- Create yearly Request for Proposal for Iowa League of Cities Legislative Lobbying services for a contract lobbyist, develop contract lobbyist priorities and action items, monitor and assist contract lobbyists in the Capitol.

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### Iowa Economic Development Authority

Des Moines, IA

*Legal and Legislative Intern*

August 2013-May 2014

- Job shadowed Tim Whipple, General Counsel & Legislative Affairs of IEDA, in pre-session preparation meetings and daily during the legislative session.
- Drafted and presented to the Polk County Attorney a legal memo relating to allegations of fraudulent misrepresentation by an applicant entity.
- Attended both professional and social legislative meetings
- Attended committee meetings and floor debate, tracked bills relating to IEDA and the programs that it administers and evaluated the impact of legislation.

### Iowa Legislature

Des Moines, IA

*Legislative Intern for Representative Mary Gaskill*

2013 Legislative Session

- Conducted legal and policy research on diverse legal and policy topics requested by legislators.
- Analyzed information obtained through legal research and made public policy recommendations.
- Presented research and public policy recommendations to interested legislators.
- Assisted in drafting presentations and speeches as well as responding to constituent mail.
- Attended committee meetings, constituency meetings, public forums and floor debate.
- Tracked bills and evaluated the impact of legislation relating to areas of Representatives interest.

### Red Rock Rubber, Inc.

Des Moines, IA

### *Special Projects Manager*

*April 2007 - Present*

- Coordinated and executed projects of differing types within the time schedule and budget required.
- Researched business proposals for feasibility and value.
- Gained first-hand small business experience working with vendors, customers, lawyers, and accountants.

### **Sprint Kiosk, Inc.**

Tampa, FL

#### *Store Manager*

August 2005 – March 2007

- Interviewed and evaluated prospective employees during hiring process.
- Trained and supervised a staff with numbers fluctuating based on business need.
- Attended regular corporate training, education, and information retreats and relay gained knowledge to staff.
- Managed inventory, payroll, and kiosk appearance.

### **Restaurants, Inc.**

Des Moines, IA

#### *Hubot Mongolian Grill: Corporate Trainer, Asst. Manager, Server*

June 2002 – July 2007

- Served as the corporate trainer in two different Huhot Mongolian Grill locations.
- Acted as assistant manager during opening weeks and when needed.
- Analyzed losses and helped create a theft prevention program.

## **EDUCATION**

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### **Drake University Law School**

Des Moines, IA

#### *Juris Doctor*

May 2014

Certificate: Legislative Practice

### **Drake University**

Des Moines, IA

*Bachelor of Arts - Major: Law, Politics, & Society*

December 2010

## **LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

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### **Notary Public, State of Iowa**

- Commission Number: 778761
- Valid: 6/5/2013 – 6/5/2016

### **License to Practice Law, State of Iowa**

- May, 2014

## **COMMITTEES / ASSOCIATIONS / BOARDS**

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### **West Des Moines Leadership Academy**

- Class of 2016

### **Drake Alumni Executive Round Table**

- Class of 2015

### **Drake University College of Arts & Sciences National Advisory Council**

- Term: 2015-2018

### **Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy, State of Iowa**

- Citizen Member
- Term: May 2015 – May 2018