

# TIMOTHY JOHN WHIPPLE

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## EXPERIENCE

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### **Iowa Economic Development Authority**

Des Moines, IA

*General Counsel*

2011-Present

- Direct legal, legislative, and compliance efforts and oversee all tax credit programs.
- Serve as agency lobbyist to the Iowa legislature and help develop economic development policy.
- Oversee contract drafting and compliance process.
- Administer agency rulemaking process.
- Represent the agency at public functions and work with economic development associations.

### **Iowa Legislative Services Agency, Legal Division**

Des Moines, IA

*Legal Counsel to the Iowa General Assembly*

2007-2011

- Draft bills, amendments, and resolutions at the request of executive branch agencies, governor's office, committee chairpersons, and individual legislators.
- Provide legal analysis and policy research primarily in the areas of taxation, economic development, and environmental protection.
- Advise and support the Economic Growth and Ways and Means Committees in both chambers.
- Draft the annual Economic Development Budget bill and provide legal assistance to the joint appropriations subcommittee on economic development.
- Work with the governor's office, committee chairpersons, caucus staff, and lobbyists on legislation.
- Provide staff support to legislative interim study committees.
- Assist with the annual publication of the Iowa Acts, Iowa Code, and Iowa Code Supplement.
- Conduct research on diverse legal and policy topics including federal and state constitutional law, administrative law, legislative procedure, sales and use taxes, inheritance and estate taxes, individual and corporate income taxes, franchise and insurance premiums taxes, public finance, bonding, business formation and assistance, and technology incubation and commercialization.

### **Drake University Agricultural Law Center**

Des Moines, IA

*Academic Fellow (Legal Studies)*

2007/2008 Academic Year

- Conduct legal and policy research on agricultural topics, focusing on the environmental, economic, and structural issues affecting the pork industry.
- Analyze information obtained through legal research and make public policy recommendations.
- Conduct surveys of agricultural producers regarding the use of contracts.
- Promote the center's educational mission through seminars, reports, and presentation of research.

### **Technology Association of Iowa (TAI)**

Des Moines, IA

*Lobbyist (Internship)*

Spring 2007

- Draft bills to advance the interests and public policy goals of Iowa technology companies.
- Meet with legislators to discuss the effects of pending legislation on association members.
- Attend committee meetings and floor debate, track bills, and evaluate the impact of legislation.
- Write newsletter articles updating the association's members on legislative issues.

### **Roxanne Conlin & Associates**

Des Moines, IA

*Law Clerk*

May 2005 – January 2007

- Perform legal research and evaluate trial exhibits for an antitrust class action suit against Microsoft.
- Conduct legal research in the areas of employment discrimination and civil rights.

### **Iowa Department of Natural Resources Legal Services Bureau**

*Law Clerk*

Des Moines, IA

Summer 2005

- Assist DNR legal staff in legal research and enforcement of Iowa's air and water quality laws.
- Draft enforcement letters and consent orders, and prepared litigation reports for matters referred to the Attorney General's Office.
- Prepare evidence for administrative appeals related to enforcement of Iowa's animal feeding operation laws.

### **Epic Systems Corporation**

*Team Leader, Technical Writer, Patent Manager*

Madison, WI

1999 – 2004

- Serve as a "Team Leader" of a division of 7 writers, including managing all team projects and evaluating employee performance.
- Write, design, and publish a wide variety of business information including technical manuals, training materials, and marketing documents.
- Interview and evaluate prospective employees during hiring process.
- Manage the print and on-line publication of 12 technical manuals for 5 products concurrently.
- Lead an internal project to develop a content management system for document automation.
- Manage internal patent program, reporting directly to CEO and COO.
- Formulate and present patent strategy at shareholder meetings, direct outside counsel in prosecution matters, and monitor competitor patents.

## **EDUCATION**

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### **Drake University Law School**

*Juris Doctor (with High Honors)*

Des Moines, IA

May 2007

**GPA:** 3.43

**Class Rank:** 34/155

**Honors:** Midwest Scholar, Dean's List (every semester)

**Journal:** *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law*, Staff Member

**Certificate:** Legislative Practice

**Moot Court:** C. Edwin Moore Moot Court Competition; Appellate Advocacy Course

### **St. Olaf College**

*Bachelor of Arts* - Major: English Concentration: Linguistic Studies

Northfield, MN

May 1999

**GPA:** 3.64, *magna cum laude*

**Honors:** O.E. Rolvaag Fiction Award (1999); Associated Colleges of the Midwest Short Story Contest Finalist (1998 and 1999)

**Abroad:** Visiting Student at Oxford University (Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies)

**Volunteer:** Writing tutor for ESL students

**Journal:** Assistant Editor, *The Quarry* – The Literary Arts Magazine of St. Olaf College

**Research:** Research Assistant in the History Department and the College Archives

### **University of California, Davis (Center for State & Local Taxation)**

*Summer Tax Institute Certificate*

Davis, CA

**Program:** Sales and Use Taxes

June 2008

**Program:** Corporate Income Taxes

June 2009