

Shayla McCormally

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

McCormally & Cosgrove, P.L.L.C.

Founder and Owner *Des Moines, IA* *2016 – Present*

- Managing all aspects of thriving and expanding law practice.
- Helping clients navigate litigation, build and protect their businesses, and recover after being injured.
- Untangling family law problems and forming families through surrogacy. Providing legal compliance advice for political organizations and candidates.
- Creating the best possible solutions for clients.
- Supervising and mentoring staff and interns.

Wandro & Associates, P.C.

Associate *Des Moines, IA* *2013-2016*

- Litigated a variety of civil cases at general practice firm, including agricultural issues, class actions, medical malpractice, defamation, insurance issues and neighbor conflicts.
- Assisted businesses with formation, asset purchases, stock sales, drafting contracts, dispute negotiations and tax advice. Advised on election law, real estate transactions, tax litigation and commercial transactions.

Baer Law Firm

Associate *Des Moines, IA* *2012-2013*

- Advised clients and litigated cases on a variety of issues, including personal injury, family law, business formation, taxation and contracting disputes.

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Tax Division

Trial Attorney *Washington, DC* *2008-2010*

- Litigated dozens of civil tax cases in federal district court. Represented the United States at hearings and trials. Drafted pleadings, conducted discovery, took depositions and negotiated settlements all over the country.

Johnson County Attorney's Office

Prosecuting Intern *Iowa City, IA* *2006-2007*

- Prosecuted hundreds of criminal matters in magistrate and district court.
- First-chaired aggravated and simple misdemeanor jury trials.
- Researched, wrote and argued motions for indictable offenses.
- Assisted writing county human rights ordinance.

Iowa Democratic Party

Development Director *2003-2004*

McCormick for Des Moines

Campaign Manager and Fundraiser *2003*

EDUCATION

University of Iowa College of Law

J.D., December 2007

Honors

Merit Scholar; graduated with distinction (Top 25%)

Boyd Public Service Award (Highest Honors)

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award

Member, National Trial Advocacy Team (2007)

Staff Writer, Journal of Corporation Law (2006-2007)

Coordinator, Stephenson Trial Advocacy Competition (2007)

University of California, Los Angeles

B.A., June 2001

Triple Bachelor: History, Religion and Political Science

Honors

Phi Beta Kappa

Magna Cum Laude

Regent Scholar

Alumni Scholar

HONORS

Attorney Rising Star, Super Lawyers

2015, 2016, 2017

ADMISSIONS

District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa

2010 – Present

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District Court of Iowa

2010 – Present

PUBLICATION

The Use of Trade Organizations as Covert Conduits for Corporate Campaign Contributions

Journal of Corporation Law

Fall 2007

MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association

Member, Committee Member 2008 – Present
Family Law and Assisted Reproductive
Technologies Committees

Iowa State Bar Association

Member, Committee Member
Family Law Committee 2008 – Present
Presenter at annual convention (2016)

Polk County Bar Association

Member, Committee Member 2010 – Present
Family Law Committee

C. Edwin Moore Inn of Court

Administrator, 2010 – Present
Executive Committee Member

Polk County Women Attorneys

Compliance Board Member 2014 – 2015

Central Iowa Association of Collaborative Professionals

Member 2017 – Present

FemCity

Member 2017 – Present

ACTIVITIES

Emerge Iowa

*Founding Board Member, Fundraising Chair,
Executive Director Search Committee* 2017 – Present

Interfaith Alliance

Endowment Committee 2017 – Present

Building the Bench

Trainer 2017

Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute

Alumni Class of 2016
Class Project Home2Home Co-chair

Iowa Democratic Party, Endowment Committee

Advisor 2015 – Present

Planned Parenthood Voters of Iowa

Board Member 2015 – Present
Chair (2016 – Present)
Women are Watching Campaign (2014)

Capital Park Early Learning Center

Board Member 2015 – 2016

Justice for Our Neighbors

Event Committee 2014

Beaverdale Neighborhood Association

Plymouth United Congregational Church

Member 2012 – Present
Choir Build Committee (2017 – Present)
Sunday school teacher (Re-occurring)
Moms of Metro, Founder (2012 – Present)
Plymouth Women's, Board Member (2013 – 2015)
Parish Project Group (2012)

Committee Member

BNA Rebuild Together, Project Leader (2013) 2012 – 2014

New Leaders Council, Des Moines Chapter

Development Director 2010 – 2012

Georgetown Law School Mock Trial

Coach 2008 – 2010

Master Gardener

2010 – 2011

Iowa Coalition for Domestic Violence

Volunteer 2005 – 2006

American Red Cross

Educator Port Hueneme Naval Base 2001 – 2002