LESLIE C. BEHAUNEK

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Nyemaster Goode, P.C.

Des Moines, IA

Attorney, Litigation Department August 2015 - Present

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit Cedar Rapids, IA

Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Jane Kelly

August 2014 – August 2015

United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa Des Moines, IA

Judicial Clerk to the Honorable James E. GritznerAugust 2012 – August 2014Judicial Intern to the Honorable James E. GritznerJanuary 2012 – May 2012

State of Iowa Appellate Public Defender's Office

Appellate Advocacy Clinic Intern Fall 2011

• Represented indigent defendants in appellate proceedings before the Iowa Supreme Court and the Iowa Court of Appeals

Des Moines, IA

Notable cases: State v. Mootz, 808 N.W.2d 207 (Iowa 2012); State v. Robinson, No. 11-0963 (Iowa Ct. App. May 9, 2012)

Nyemaster Goode, P.C. Des Moines and Cedar Rapids, IA

Summer Associate Summers 2010 and 2011

BAR ADMITTANCE Iowa

EDUCATION

Drake University Law School Des Moines, IA

Juris Doctor May 2012

GPA: 3.92 / 4.0 **Class Rank:** 1 / 139

Honors/Awards: Graduated *with Highest Honors* and Order of the Coif

Dwight D. Opperman Scholar – Full tuition, merit-based scholarship, plus stipend

Senior Advocacy Award and Distinguished Advocate Award (2012)

Top Grades: Civil Procedure, Contracts, Torts, Federal Jurisdiction, Comparative Constitutional Law,

Ethics, Appellate Advocacy Clinic, and Federal Income Tax

Law Review: Drake Law Review, Junior Staff (2010-2011)

Drake Journal of Agricultural Law, Senior Staff (2011 – 2012)

Moot Court: Supreme Court Day Competition, *Finalist* (2012)

National Moot Court Team, Captain (2010-2012)

C. Edwin Moore Appellate Advocacy Competition, Finalist (2009)

Leadership: Moot Court Board: *President* (2011-2012)

Writing Honors: Supreme Court Scholar; Drake Law School Writing Competition, *Finalist* (2011 & 2012)

Cornell College Mount Vernon, IA

Bachelor of Arts, Politics and Philosophy

May 2009

GPA: 3.979 / 4.0

Honors: Graduated *summa cum laude* and *with Honors* in Politics; Phi Beta Kappa Leadership: Student Senate: *President* (2008 – 2009), *Vice President* (2007 – 2008)

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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C. Edwin Moore Inn of Court	Des Moines, IA
Associate Member Community Outreach Committee	2012 – Present 2015 – 2016
Cornell College	Mount Vernon, IA
Center for Law & Society Board Member	2009 – Present
Young Alumni Advisory Committee	2013 – 2016
Des Moines Choral Society	Des Moines, IA
President	2016 – Present
Vice President for Community Outreach	2015 – 2016
Board Member, Society Celebration Committee Member, and Nominating Committee Member	er 2012 – 2014
Drake Law Opportunity Leadership Program	Des Moines, IA
Mentor	October 2017 – Present
Emerge Iowa	Des Moines, IA
Organizing Committee Co-Chair	August 2017 – Present
Organizing Committee Member	May 2017 – Present
Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Girls State	Ames, IA
Alumnae Association Board Member	2011 – Present
Alumnae Association Secretary-Treasurer	2014 - 2017
Government Staff	2011 – 2014, 2017
Counselor	2005 – 2007
Iowa State Bar Association Federal Practice Committee	Des Moines, IA
Member	June 2016 – Present
	017 Federal Practice Seminar
Panel Moderator	April 2017 Gender Bias CLE
Iowa State Bar Association Public Relations Committee	Des Moines, IA
Chair	June 2017 – Present
Member	June 2016 – Present
Iowa State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division	Des Moines, IA
Communications Chair	2013 - 2017
Fast Action Taskforce	2015 – 2016
Mentoring Taskforce	2014 – 2016
Diversity Committee	2014 – 2016
Iowa Women Lead Change	Des Moines, Iowa
Central Iowa IWLC Conference Student Track Committee Member	2015
Polk County Women Attorneys	Des Moines, IA
Past President	2018 Term
President	2017 Term
President-Elect	2016 Term
Communications Chair	2015 Term
Annual CLE Co-Chair	2014 Term
Professional Development Co-Chair	2013 Term
Basket Auction Co-Chair	2012 Term
Simpson College	Indianola, Iowa
Host family for international student	2015 – Present