

# JOSHUA STRIEF

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## EDUCATION:

### **Drake University Law School**

Des Moines, IA

*Juris Doctorate, with honors; Public Service Certificate*

May 2014

**Honors:** Order of the Barristers, Martin Tollefson Award, Dean's List (last five semesters)

**Moot Court:** AAJ Mock Trial Team, 2013 Supreme Court Day Competition - Finalist (*Davis, Brown, Koehn, Shors & Roberts Award for Excellence in Advocacy*); ABA Negotiations Team (2012-2013, 2013-2014); ABA National Appellate Advocacy Team (*Alternate*); First Year Oral Argument Competition Finalist (*3rd place overall*); C. Edwin Moore Competition

**Law Journal:** Drake Journal of Agricultural Law (2013-2014 *Junior Staff*)

**Activities:** American Bar Association Law Student Division (8th Circuit Governor, Board of Governors; *Exec. Lt. Governor*); Student Bar Association (*University Rep.-Rep. of the Year; IL Rep.*); Drake Law Student Ambassador; Blackstone Inn of Court; Drake Law Republicans (*President; Vice-President*); Federalist Society (*Secretary*); Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity (*At-Large Member*); Business Law Society; Public Interest Law Association; S.O.U.L.S. Legal Clinic volunteer

### **Drake University**

Des Moines, IA

*Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, Political Science; Minor: History, Music*

December 2010

**Honors:** President's List; Dean's List; Pi Sigma Alpha

**Activities:** Op/Ed Writer for Times Delphic; Professional Career Development Student Advisory Board; Drake College Republicans (*President*); Senator Grassley Campaign (*Campus Chair*); Drake Choir; Chamber Choir; Opera Program

## WORK EXPERIENCE:

### **Elverson Vasey**

Des Moines, IA

*Associate Attorney*

2014-Present

- Represent clients from individuals to locally owned businesses to Fortune 500 companies
- Handle cases involving complex civil litigation, business/corporate law, probate law, and real estate

*Law Clerk*

2013-2014

- Researched complex civil litigation issues and prepared court filings, briefs, and memoranda
- Investigated criminal and legal backgrounds and assisted in general case investigations

### **Lawyer Lawyer Dutton & Drake, LLP**

West Des Moines, IA

*Law Clerk*

2012-2013

- Drafted workers' compensation, trial court, and appellate court briefs
- Prepared discovery materials, including interrogatories, document production, and file reviews

### **Office of Governor Terry E. Branstad**

Des Moines, IA

*Legal Intern*

Summer 2012

- Extensive research in state/federal constitutional, administrative, public interest, and criminal law
- Analyzed case law and drafted legal memorandum for Counsel to Governor Branstad

## PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

### **Awards**

- 2018 Rising Star Award – Iowa Defense Counsel Association (September 2018) – Awarded to members demonstrating leadership in the community and outstanding commitment to the organization

### **Publications**

- "Expedited Civil Actions: Where We Are and Where We Could Go" – Iowa Defense Counsel Defense Update, Summer 2017 Edition

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

<b>LifeServe Blood Center – Donor</b>	2012-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bronze Level (More than 4 Gallons)</li></ul>	
<b>Drake University Central Iowa Regional Advisory Board – Member</b>	2014-2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assisted organizing DU Lunch Series, volunteer service projects, fundraising</li><li>• Staffing Alumni tent and organizing events for Drake Relays</li></ul>	
<b>Polk County Bar Association – Member</b>	2014-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bench and Bar Committee (August 2018-Present)</li></ul>	
<b>Iowa State Bar Association – Member</b>	2014-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Young Lawyers Division (2014-Present)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ YLD Mock Trial Committee (2015-2016)</li></ul></li><li>• Volunteer Junior High and High School Mock Trial Judge (2013-Present)</li><li>• Volunteer High School Mock Trial Coach (2015-2016)</li></ul>	
<b>Iowa Defense Counsel Association – Member</b>	2014-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Lawyers Committee (2017-Present)</li><li>• Legislative Committee (2018-Present)</li><li>• Annual Meeting and Seminar Committee (2018-Present)</li></ul>	
<b>Young Professionals Connection (“YPC”) – Member</b>	2015-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Civic and Culture Chair – Board of Directors (August 2015-December 2016)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Organized 25 events for Civic and Culture Committing in 2016 while partnering with Art Noir, Greater Des Moines Partnership, Des Moines Register, and Noce</li><li>○ Garnered regional and national news coverage, including CNN, The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, and the Associated Press</li></ul></li></ul>	
<b>Dallas County Republican Party – Central Committee Member</b>	2016-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Caucus Secretary – 2018 Election</li><li>• Delegate – Dallas County Convention (2016, 2018), 3rd District Convention (2016), State Convention (2016)</li></ul>	
<b>Freemasonry – Grand Lodge of Iowa</b>	2017-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Master Mason – Legacy Lodge, Des Moines (2017-Present)</li><li>• 32° Master Mason – Des Moines Scottish Rite (2017-Present)</li></ul>	
<b>Defense Research Institute – Member</b>	2018-Present