

# ROBERT D. HODGES

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## EDUCATION:

### **Georgetown University Law Center**

Washington, DC

*L.L.M., Taxation, Estate Planning Certificate*

May 2012

- Honors: Graduate Tax Scholar

### **Drake University Law School**

Des Moines, IA

*Juris Doctor*

May 2007

- Class Rank: Top 10%
- Law Review: *Drake Law Review* Associate Editor  
*Drake Law Review* Junior Staff Member  
2006-2007  
2005-2006
- Honors: Order of the Coif; Dean's List (all terms);  
C. Edwin Moore Inn of Court; Merit-based scholarship recipient;  
Supreme Court Day Competition Finalist (oral argument to Iowa Supreme Court *en banc*)
- Activities: Delta Theta Phi; Drake Mentors Program; Supreme Court Day Competition;  
C. Edwin Moore Moot Court Competition

### **Central College**

Pella, IA

*Bachelor of Arts, Business Management, Finance Focus; Minor in Exercise Science*

May 2003

- Class Rank: Top 10%
- Honors: Dean's List (all terms); Alpha Zeta Mu;  
Wall Street Journal Award as the top business student in the class of 2003;  
Academic All-Conference (Football)
- Activities: Football - 4 year participant, 2 varsity letters;  
Leadership Seminar with Brigadier General David Roe, Ph.D. (USAF Ret.);  
Football Leadership Committee; Relay for Life; Honor House Council;  
AOK Mentorship Speech; Third Grade Mentor; Habitat for Humanity

## PUBLICATIONS:

CPT Robert D. Hodges, *Medical Treatment of Foreign Nationals: Another COIN of the Realm*, ARMY LAWYER, May 1, 2010 at 44.

## EXPERIENCE:

### **BrownWinick**

Des Moines, Iowa

*Member (Attorney)*

July 2017-Present

*Associate (Attorney)*

June 2012-June 2017

- Sizeable experience drafting, implementing, and administering complex estate planning tax concepts
- Chair of Estate Planning/Fiduciary Litigation Practice Group for BrownWinick (2017-present)
- Heart of America Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- Rising Star as designated by SuperLawyers
- Mentioned Chambers USA High Net Worth Guide
- Frequent speaker and lecturer on advanced estate planning techniques
- Member of the Probate Section and Military Affairs Committee of the Iowa State Bar Association

### **Drake University Law School**

Des Moines, Iowa

*Adjunct Professor*

Spring 2016

- Wills and Trusts professor

### **United States Army Judge Advocate General Corps**

Multiple Locations

*Judge Advocate*

October 2007-August 2011

- Significant knowledge regarding military law, leadership, planning, procedures, and military skills
  - Top Secret/SCI Clearance
  - Airborne Qualified
  - Selected to lecture as part of a deployment preparation program for Judge Advocates
- Brigade Judge Advocate with 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade (FOB Spin Boldak, Afghanistan)
  - Served as the senior legal advisor to a deployed Army brigade

- Supervised another attorney and a staff of five paralegals
- Developed significant expertise in intelligence law, regulation, and policy
- Acting Chief of Operational Law with XVIII Airborne Corps
  - Deployed to Haiti with the lead echelons in what became Operation Unified Response
  - Assisted in the creation of Rules of Engagement, General Order 1, and ROE training scenarios
  - Gained valuable experience in a joint, multi-national, and inter-agency environment
- Administrative Law Attorney with Multi-National Corps-Iraq
  - Provided written and verbal legal advice to senior commanders and staff
  - Drafted policy memoranda applicable to the vast majority of the Armed Forces in Iraq
  - Participated in multi-section planning, coordination, and action teams in garrison and deployed
- Part-Time Military Magistrate with Multi-National Corps-Iraq
  - Authorized search and seizure given the appropriate showing
  - Presided over pretrial confinement hearings
  - Issued written opinions regarding continued pretrial confinement
- Legal Assistance Attorney with XVIII Airborne Corps (Rear)
  - Recognized for outstanding delivery of legal services
  - Drafted numerous wills and other estate planning documents
  - Represented clients on a wide variety of issues (debtor/creditor, landlord/tenant, consumer law)

### **Galligan, Doyle & Reid**

*Law Clerk*

Des Moines, IA  
October 2006-June 2007

- Conducted research on specific causes of action and drafted memoranda with recommendations
- Proposed strategies for litigation with ERISA and securities law components
- Edited petitions and other documents to be filed with the court

### **United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa**

*Judicial Intern to the Honorable Ross A. Walters*

Des Moines, IA  
August 2006-January 2007

- Prepared initial drafts of summary judgment rulings
- Examined and edited draft judicial findings
- Participated in settlement conferences on a variety of cases and claims

### **Drake University Law School**

*Research Assistant to Professor James A. Albert*

Des Moines, IA  
August 2006-May 2007

- Researched and outlined sections for a new college textbook on administrative law
- Completed focused research on numerous agencies including the Department of Defense
- Edited a national public policy journal article on lawyering in agencies

### **NASD (now FINRA)**

*Legal Intern-Member Regulation*

Washington, D.C.  
May 2006-August 2006

- Conducted legal research regarding SEC and NASD rule compliance
- Reviewed and analyzed disclosure documents for PIPE transactions
- Drafted procedures for examinations of NASD members

### **Iowa Senate**

*Legislative Intern to the Honorable Larry McKibben (President Pro Temp)*

Des Moines, IA  
January 2005-April 2005

- Researched legislative priorities such as gambling, capital punishment, and governmental transparency
- Supervised legislation while maintaining a working dialog with opponent and proponent lobbyists
- Drafted correspondence to constituents, legislators, and other interested parties

### **Philmont Scout Ranch**

*Backcountry Counselor*

Cimarron, NM  
May-August 2005

- Briefed participants on the history and environment of Philmont
- Handled interpersonal, medical, logistical, and environmental problems independently
- Entertained campers and leaders through multiple approaches on a daily basis

### **Cottingham & Butler**

*AL/GL Claims Representative*

Dubuque, IA  
May 2003-July 2004

- Adjusted property damage and bodily injury claims for several trucking firms
- Conducted claim negotiations and litigation management for claims with significant value
- Worked directly with clients to investigate, manage, and minimize claim costs

**Central College Controller's Office**  
**De Wild Construction**  
**Grimm Brothers Plastic Corporation**  
**AllSteel, Inc.**  
**State Bank of Wapello**

January 2000-May 2003  
May 2002-August 2002  
May 2001-August 2001  
Spring Break 2001  
May 2000-August 2000

**OTHER ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Member of Leadership Iowa Class of 2014-2015
- Member of Veterans in Agriculture Board (2018-present)
- Member of the Mid-Iowa Estate and Financial Planners (2013-present)
- Member of the Mid-Iowa Council (Boy Scouts) Investment Committee (2016-present)
- Member of Ankeny First United Methodist Church and currently serving on the Endowment Committee
- Volunteer at Ankeny Summerfest and other events on behalf of Ankeny Young Professionals
- Boy Scouts – Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow member, Philmont Trek Crew Leader, Philmont Staff
- National Eagle Scout Association
- VFW Member
- Owner of family newspaper business (Louisa Publishing Company)