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CONCENTRATION

Steve is an Of Counsel attorney at the Davis Brown Law Firm in the Business Division. His practice focuses on administrative law, business organizations, lobbying and federal and state governmental relations, and tax.

In his administrative law practice, he has represented clients relative to numerous state administrative agencies and departments including:

- Iowa Governor's Office
- Iowa Department of Public Safety
- Iowa Attorney General's Office
- Iowa Department of Revenue
- Iowa Department of Agriculture
- Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission
- Iowa Department of Human Services
- Iowa Department of Transportation
- Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals
- Iowa Utilities Board
- Iowa Department of Management
- Iowa Workforce Development
- Iowa Department of Natural Resources

He has represented numerous clients before the Iowa Department of Revenue in cases involving Iowa corporate income tax, nexus, and sales and use tax.

In addition to Iowa state government representation, Steve has represented clients at the federal level including before the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Labor, the Justice Department, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Steve's tireless efforts have helped numerous companies, non-profit organizations, and individuals with their relationships with local, state, and federal government.

In his business law practice, he has represented clients in a variety of corporate situations as well as family owned businesses. He also has significant experience representing trade associations over his career.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- AV® Preeminent™ rated by Martindale-Hubbell. An AV certification mark is a significant rating accomplishment - a testament to the fact that a lawyer's peers rank him or her at the highest level of professional excellence.
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Corporate Law and Government Relations Practice
- Best Lawyers' 2014 "Des Moines Government Relations Practice Lawyer of the Year"
- Recipient of the "Liberty Award" from the Iowa Juneteenth Observance Committee for considerable work in voter registration and education.
- Recipient of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America for his work on the Executive Board of the Mid-Iowa Council of Boy Scouts.
- Recipient of the National Divisional Award, St. George Medal from the American Cancer Society for outstanding contributions to the control of cancer.
- Recipient of the Linda S. Weindruch Award from the Iowa Taxpayers Association in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments and contributions in promoting and protecting the principles and policies of fair business taxation.
- Recipient of the John C. McDonald Service Award from the Republican Party of Iowa for outstanding volunteer service.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Chairman of the Robb Kelley Club, Iowa Republican Party
- Vice-President of Board of Directors, Eyerly Ball
- Chairman, Board of Directors, Substance Abuse Management, Inc. (SAMI)
- Board of Directors, Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI)



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EDUCATION
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
(B.A., 1961); UNIVERSITY OF
MICHIGAN (J.D., 1964)

ADMITTED TO BAR
1964, IOWA

AREAS OF LAW
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

ANTITRUST LAW

ASSOCIATION LAW

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS
AND TRANSACTIONS

EMERGING COMPANIES

LOBBYING AND
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TAX/TRANSACTION

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POLK COUNTY BAR
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MEMBERSHIPS CONTINUED

- Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Iowa Taxpayers Association
- Board Member, Harkin Institute for Public Policy and Citizen Engagement
- Board of Directors, Project Iowa
- Member, The Streamlined Sales Tax Advisory Committee
- Member, The Industrial Process Exemption Study Committee
- Member, Greater Des Moines Partnership
- Member, Iowa Department of Revenue Business Advisory Group
- Past Chairman, Government Policy Council, Greater Des Moines Partnership
- Past Chairman, American Cancer Society, Iowa Division
- Past Head of the Des Moines Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
- Past Iowa Republican State Chairman and Treasurer and Iowa Republican National Committeeman

OF NOTE

Steve clerked for the Honorable Harvey M. Johnsen, Chief Judge of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Steve has been a dedicated volunteer to a number of organizations for many years. He counts over 25 years volunteering for the American Cancer Society, Iowa Division, almost 30 years as a Boy Scout of America volunteer, and decades of service to local business organizations including the Association of Business and Industry and the Iowa Taxpayers Association.

He has faithfully given back to his alma maters through involvement in numerous fund drives and giving campaigns as well. He has also participated in governmental boards, such as the United States Department of Education Appeal Board and the Iowa Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Agency, offering his legal expertise to legislative and judicial efforts. Without Steve's service, these organizations and the people they serve would not be where they are today.



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