

JOHN D. SHORS

JOHNSHORS@DAVISBROWNLAW.COM

CONCENTRATION

John is a name partner of the Davis Brown Law Firm. He has a general practice in, but not limited to, Business Organizations and Transactions, Tax and Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution. He frequently counsels individual executives and boards of directors in a range of matters. John is admitted to practice by the Iowa Supreme Court, the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court.

Over his career he has represented clients such as Iowa State University, Mercy Medical Center and MidAmerican Energy Companies. He has a passion for capital formation and technology transfer. John helped form Edge Technologies, the Iowa Research Council, the Iowa State University Research Park, the Iowa Fund of Funds and Iowa Community Development.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

In his career John has been recognized professionally by a number of organizations. The Iowa State Bar Association annually awards its highest award, "The Award of Merit" to a single member of the Bar. John received this award in 2006. He was also awarded "The Award of Merit" from the Iowa State Bar Association Young Lawyers section in 1978.

John has also been recognized by the following groups for his work in various areas of law.

- 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, Health Care Law and Tax Law. John has been listed as a Best Lawyer since 1991.
- Named to 2014 Martindale-Hubbell® Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers™
- *Chambers USA*, Corporate/M&A, Iowa Ranked, Senior Statesman (2011)
- 2015 Great Plains *Super Lawyers*, Business/Corporate
- John is a certified mediator and on the Board of the International ADR Society, Chicago, and completed training in Meditation and Arbitration at the CPR Institute, New York.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Vice Chair, Iowa Heart Foundation
- Board Member, Downtown Community Alliance
- Member, Greater Des Moines Committee
- Past President, Iowa State Bar Association and Young Lawyers Section
- Chair, Iowa State Bar Association Committee on Economic Growth
- Past Member of the House of Delegates, American Bar Association
- Past Board of Directors, American Judicature Society
- Past President, Polk County Bar Association
- Past Chairman, Iowa State University Foundation
- Co-Founder, Iowa State University Research Park
- Past Director, Mercy Housing, Denver
- Past Director, Catherine McAuley Mercy Foundation, Denver
- Director, Edge Technologies
- Past Director, Iowa Research Council
- Past President, Mercy Foundation



CONTACT INFORMATION

PH: 515-288-2500
FAX: 515-243-0654

BORN
FORT DODGE, IOWA

EDUCATION
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY (B.S.,
1959)

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA (J.D.,
WITH HIGH DISTINCTION,
1964)

ADMITTED TO BAR
1964, IOWA

1971, U.S. SUPREME COURT

AREAS OF LAW
BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS
AND TRANSACTIONS
MEDIATION AND ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE RESOLUTION
MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS
TAX CREDIT FINANCE AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TAX/TRANSACTION

MEMBERSHIPS
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
IOWA STATE BAR
ASSOCIATION
POLK COUNTY BAR
ASSOCIATION

JOHN D. SHORS

JOHNSHORS@DAVISBROWNLAW.COM



PUBLICATIONS, SPEECHES & SEMINARS

John co-authored a two-volume book: *Closely Held Corporations in Business and Estate Planning* published by Little Brown & Company and numerous articles involving business, tax, and mergers and acquisitions in various publications, such as the *New York Law Journal*, the *Iowa Law Review*, the *Drake Law Review* and the *Saint John Law Review*. He is often a speaker on corporate law and economic growth, as well as capital formation.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

- Who's Who in America, 2004-2014
- Business Leaders of Des Moines, *Des Moines Register*, 2006
- "The Brotherhood Award" by the Iowa Chapter of the National Conference for Community and Justice
- Alumni Medal, Iowa State University Alumni Association
- "The Good Guy Award" by the Iowa Women's Professional Corporation

OF NOTE

John has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State University, a J.D. with high honors, and is a member of the Order of the Coif from the University of Iowa.

John is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, both the Northern and Southern District of Iowa courts, the Tax Court of the United States and the United States Court of Claims, among others.

PERSONAL

The father of four sons, John and his wife, Patsy, are active in the Des Moines community.