



Nicolas AbouAssaly

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PRACTICE AREAS

Real Estate Law

Business Transactions and
Counseling

Wills, Trusts, Estate Planning
and Probate Law

Agriculture Law

Startups and Emerging
Companies

Banking and Finance

Nicolas AbouAssaly is a real estate attorney with a focus on large real estate transactions, real estate tax protests and corporate and business transactions. Mr. AbouAssaly represents real estate owners and developers, builders, landlords, tenants, farmers, school districts and lenders in real estate transactions, including the most complex. Prior to joining the firm in 1997, Mr. AbouAssaly was an in-house attorney with Exxon Corporation in Houston, Texas. Mr. AbouAssaly is passionate about community support and is the current Mayor for the City of Marion, Iowa.

Real Estate. Mr. AbouAssaly represents clients of all sizes in connection with the purchase, sale, leasing and development of commercial and residential real estate. His practice includes preparation of agreements, handling title matters, representation of clients in connection with zoning, platting and land use matters and challenging real estate valuations for tax assessment purposes.

Real Estate Tax Protests. Mr. AbouAssaly has represented local and national clients in challenging real estate valuations for tax assessment purposes for commercial and industrial facilities throughout the State of Iowa, including appeals of board of review decisions to the Iowa District Court. His work on behalf of such clients has often resulted in significant reductions in assessed values of real estate and, consequently, significant savings in real estate tax liabilities.

General Corporate and Business Transactions. Mr. AbouAssaly provides advice and services to many businesses on day-to-day issues as well as issues relating to entity formation and in negotiating and drafting of organizational documents and a variety of business contracts.

Additional languages: Arabic

Place of birth: Beirut, Lebanon

"Nicolas AbouAssaly has a broad transactional practice which includes handling sales and purchases, leasing and developments. He also has significant experience in challenging real estate valuations for tax purposes."

-- Chambers USA

Bar Admissions

- State of Iowa, 1995

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, JD, with distinction, 1992
- University of Iowa, BBA, with honors, 1989
 - Finance

Honors & Awards

Professional Honors

- Included in the Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year" list for Cedar Rapids, 2019
 - Land Use and Zoning Law
- Included in the Best Lawyers in America® list, 2020
 - Land Use and Zoning Law, Real Estate Law
- Ranked in Chambers USA, 2015-2019
 - Real Estate
- AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers list, 2012-2019

Community Honors

- Linn County Bar Association Citizenship Award, 2019
- Visionary Youth Leadership Recipient, 2019 (National Council on Youth Leadership)
- Voted Most Influential Person in the Corridor, 2018 (CBJ)
- Listed among the Corridor's Most Influential People, 2017 & 2019 (CBJ)
- Corridor Business Journal's Forty Under 40
- Rotarian of the Year, 2009-2010
- Marion, Iowa Citizen of the Year, 2008

Professional & Community Affiliations

Professional Memberships

- Iowa State Bar Association
 - Business Law Section

- Real Estate & Title Law Section
- Linn County Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Mayor for Marion, Iowa, 2015-Present
 - *Former* City Council Member
- Cedar Rapids Rotary Club
- St. George Orthodox Christian Church
 - Music Director
- Uptown Marion
 - Main Street Iowa District, Former Board Member

Publication

Contributor (Iowa), Mark A Senn, "State-by-State Guide to Commercial Real Estate Leases", First, Second, Third and Fourth Editions