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PRACTICE AREAS

Business and Commercial
Litigation

Construction and Design
Practice

Insurance Defense and
Coverage

Labor and Employment Law

Michael Kaufmann is a litigation attorney with a general practice encompassing business and commercial litigation, construction and design, insurance defense, and labor and employment litigation. Mr. Kaufmann has experience assisting clients with a variety of issues, including construction defect and mechanic's lien litigation, trade secrets and business torts, contract disputes, federal civil rights litigation, and insurance coverage disputes. As a current member of the Construction Law Section Council of the Iowa State Bar Association, Mr. Kaufmann stays abreast of legal issues facing Iowa's construction industry.

Prior to joining Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman, Mr. Kaufmann worked as a judicial law clerk for United States Magistrate Judge Celeste F. Bremer of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa. As a law clerk, Mr. Kaufmann worked closely with federal judges to prepare orders resolving dispositive motions and handling pretrial matters in a broad range of cases.

Mr. Kaufmann graduated from Iowa State University, *cum laude*, with degrees in Economics and Political Science. He then earned his Juris Doctor, *with distinction*, from the University of Iowa College of Law. While in law school, Mr. Kaufmann served as a managing editor for the Iowa Law Review and competed nationally as a member of the College's Jessup International Moot Court Team.

Bar Admissions

- State of Iowa, 2017

Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals

- Eighth Circuit
- United States District Court
 - Northern District of Iowa
 - Southern District of Iowa

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, JD, *with distinction*, 2017
 - Managing Editor (2016-2017), Iowa Law Review, Volume 102 Editorial Board
 - President, Phi Alpha Delta
 - Jessup International Moot Court Team
 - Dean's Award for the highest grade in Professional Responsibility
 - Faculty Award for second highest grade in Contracts
- Iowa State University, *cum laude*, 2014
 - BS, Economics
 - BA, Political Science

Clerkship

- Law clerk to the Honorable Celeste F. Bremer, United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, 2017–2018

Professional & Community Affiliations

Professional Membership

- American Bar Association
- Iowa State Bar Association
 - Construction Law Section Council
 - Legislative Subcommittee
 - Communication/Technology Subcommittee
- Linn County Bar Association
 - Linn Law Club, Secretary, Board of Directors
- Master Builders of Iowa
 - Government Affairs Committee
- Greater Cedar Rapids Housing & Building Association

Community Involvement

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cedar Rapids & East Central Iowa

◦ Member, Board of Directors