



## Jacob R. Koller

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### PRACTICE AREAS

Family Law

Jacob Koller is a family law attorney with more than 15 years of experience. He counsels individuals in all aspects of domestic relations, including premarital agreements, separation and divorce, child custody and visitation, child support and related matters. Mr. Koller also represents individuals in other circumstances affecting the family unit, such as adoption, guardianships and conservatorships. He serves as president of the Collaborative Lawyers of Eastern Iowa and believes in empowering his clients to make informed decisions about their lives and their children's lives.

*Mr. Koller's family law practice focuses on the following:*

**Litigation.** Mr. Koller believes the best result in any family law matter is a successfully negotiated settlement. When this is not possible, however, it becomes necessary to have a trial before a judge. Mr. Koller is experienced in the preparation and prosecution to trial of complex financial, including high net worth marital estates, large farm and livestock operations, and business interests – and child custody matters. He is a 2008 graduate of the American Family Law Trial Advocacy Institute, which is an advanced trial training program for attorneys specializing in the practice of family law.

**Collaborative Law.** Mr. Koller is trained in the practice of collaborative law. He is a founding member of the Collaborative Lawyers of Eastern Iowa. Collaborative Law is a non-adversarial process that views the issues arising from a divorce as a series of battles to be solved rather than fought. The end goal is to meet the legitimate needs of everyone involved in a restructured family. Both parties have independent lawyers present during negotiation to provide legal advice in an educational context. Mr. Koller is also a member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals.

**Mediation.** Mediation, which is a form of alternative dispute resolution, has become an important component in resolving family law cases. Mr. Koller is a trained lawyer mediator, having completed a 40-hour training in 2009, and he has successfully mediated hundreds

of cases. As a mediator, he acts as a neutral to aid parties and their attorneys in settling their disputes without the need for court intervention.

**Appellate Advocacy.** In some cases, the decision of the trial judge is challenged on appeal. Mr. Koller has experience handling the prosecution and defense of appeals, both in cases for which the firm was trial counsel and in cases brought to him that have been tried by lawyers outside of our firm. He has successfully argued cases before the Iowa Supreme Court and the Iowa Court of Appeals.

**"Working with Jacob is a pleasure. He is timely in responding to inquiries, practical in his approach to problem solving, and possessed a decent sense of humor."**

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## *Bar Admissions*

- State of Iowa, 2003

## Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, JD, 2003
- Western Illinois University, BA, summa cum laude, 1999

## Honors & Awards

- Included in the Best Lawyers in America® list 2020
  - Family Law Mediation
- AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers list, 2013, 2018-2019

## Professional Affiliations

- Iowa State Bar Association
  - Family and Juvenile Law Section
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
- Linn County Bar Association
- Johnson County Bar Association
- Dean Mason Ladd American Inn of Court
  - Secretary/Treasurer, 2008-2010
  - Member, 2006-2010
- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals

- Member, 2010-Present
- Collaborative Lawyers of Eastern Iowa
  - President, 2010-Present
  - Member, 2010-Present