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PRACTICE AREAS

Labor and Employment Law

Transportation Law

Construction and Design
Practice

Business and Commercial
Litigation

Personal Injury

Bob Konchar is counsel at Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC where he is engaged in an extensive litigation practice including labor and employment, transportation, products liability, commercial litigation and insurance. He handles cases before various federal and state courts and federal and state administrative agencies. These include, but are not limited to, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, state and city Civil Rights Commissions and the Iowa and Federal Department of Transportation. Mr. Konchar handles personal injury defense work for clients and their insurance carriers. He also defends businesses in insurance litigation matters. Further, he attends to various matters being arbitrated before the American Arbitration Association and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Civil Litigation and Appeals Practice. Mr. Konchar has appeared numerous times before State and Federal courts defending a wide range of clients in several kinds of cases ranging from insurance defense, products liability, ERISA litigation and construction and transportation related issues including liability and government regulations matters. Mr. Konchar has appeared numerous times before the Iowa Supreme Court and the Eighth, Third, Seventh and D.C. Circuits as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals on issues arising from his practice.

Labor and Employment Law. Mr. Konchar has appeared a number of times before the National Labor Relations Board and federal and local civil rights agencies regarding a broad range of issues including discrimination, unfair labor practices and issues arising from the drafting of company policies and procedures manuals. His practice includes obtaining temporary and permanent injunctions at the state level and temporary restraining orders and permanent injunctions in federal courts. His experience includes conducting negotiations related to collective bargaining agreements. Mr. Konchar has also appeared before the American Arbitration Association and Federal Mediation and Conciliatory Service.

Transportation Law. Mr. Konchar has appeared before state and local administrative agencies on a wide range of issues including licensing for trucking companies to operate in interstate commerce. He also defends transportation businesses charged with various infractions of both state and federal law. His practice includes defending trucking companies and their insurance carriers in a full range of liability issues arising from the operations conducted by those transportation companies, including product liability issues.

Bar Admissions

- State of Iowa, 1965

Court Admissions

- Iowa Supreme Court, 1965
- US Court of Appeals
 - Third Circuit, 1989
 - Seventh Circuit, 1988
 - Eighth Circuit, 1967
- D.C. Circuit, 1976
- US District Court
 - Northern & Southern Districts, 1965

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, JD, 1965
- University of Iowa, BA, 1962

Honors & Awards

- Included in the Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year" list for Cedar Rapids
 - Employment Law – Individuals, 2022
- Included in the Best Lawyers in America® list, 2022
 - Civil Rights Law, Employment Law – Individuals, Employment Law – Management, Labor Law – Management, Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers list, 2007, 2009-2010

Professional Affiliations

- Iowa State Bar Association
- Linn County Bar Association
- Eighth Circuit Bar Association
- Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Defense Research Institute
- North American Transportation
 - Employee Relations Association, Member
- American Trucking Association
- Motor Carrier Lawyer Association
- Iowa Defense Counsel Association

News & Events

2021

- Eleven SPMB Attorneys Named “Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers® 2022, 08/19/2021

2020

- Best Lawyers In America Recognizes 37 SPMB Attorneys, August 20,2020