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PRACTICE AREAS

Business Transactions and
Counseling

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Banking and Finance

Bankruptcy and Creditors'
Rights

Eric Langston is a business attorney with experience navigating the complexities of the bankruptcy process and helping clients explore restructuring alternatives that maximize value for stakeholders. He assists clients in a variety of industries with commercial real estate transactions of all sizes. Additionally, he has extensive experience working with condominium boards and homeowners' associations to resolve disputes with owners and evaluate strategic goals. He is working to develop his knowledge with regards to advising landlords of their rights and responsibilities in their relationship with tenants.

Prior to joining Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC in 2019, Mr. Langston worked as an associate in Chicago, most recently in the bankruptcy and restructuring group of Kirkland & Ellis, LLP. In that role, he represented an international toy company with nearly \$5 billion in debt to help pursue a global restructuring that avoided liquidation and represented an international production equipment rental company with \$1 billion in debt to help pursue a merger with a strategic partner as part of a comprehensive plan of reorganization. Prior to becoming a lawyer, he worked in the higher education industry for seven years as a data scientist.

Mr. Langston was raised in Cedar Rapids and has been quick to reengage with the community by continuing his volunteer work and pro bono efforts, which has historically focused on resolving systemic injustice. Most recently, Mr. Langston collaborated with Iowa Legal Aid and Supervisor Stacey Walker to organize the Linn County Expungement and Employment Barriers Resource Clinic. The record-setting clinic was twice as large as the largest in Iowa's history and allowed nearly 150 individuals with criminal records to finally put the past behind them in their quest to re-join society.

While practicing in Chicago, Mr. Langston volunteered with organizations such as the Wills for Heroes Foundation, where he worked with first responders and veterans to review estate planning documents and discuss their implications, and LadderUp, where he prepared and reviewed income tax returns for low-income families to help them avoid tax-

preparer fees that customarily exceeded \$600. Mr. Langston's pro bono efforts include representing a parent in requesting an individual aide for her child with special needs and representing an asylum seeker fleeing persecution for being LGBT, as well as impact litigation efforts in partnership with the ACLU to successfully challenge the constitutionality of a state's unduly burdensome policy impacting transgender individuals seeking to change the gender on their driver's license and impact litigation challenging a correctional facility's policy to deny auxiliary aids to hearing-impaired probationers and parolees and then charge those same probationers and parolees with violations for not hearing and complying with orally-given directions. Mr. Langston has also been an active Rotary and Bar Association member.

Bar Admissions

- State of Iowa, 2019
- State of Illinois, 2016

Education

- DePaul University, JD, Magna Cum Laude, 2015
 - Order of the Coif
 - DePaul Law Review Staff
- Knox College, Economics, BA, 2007
 - Minors: Business & Management and Math
 - Mortar Board National Honor Society
 - Order of Omega Greek Leadership Honor Society

Professional & Community Affiliations

Professional Memberships

- Iowa State Bar Association
- Linn County Bar Association
 - Linn Law Club, Vice President

Community Involvement

- Linn County Expungement and Employment Barriers Resource Clinic
- Knox College Alumni Council
- Delta Theta Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity House Corporation
- LadderUp Associate Board Member

- Chicago Symphony Orchestra Overture Council
- Will for Heroes Foundation

Presentation

2019 Presentation

- Cryptocurrency and Cybersecurity, 9/12/19 (Presentation) (Recording)