

## Willard L. Boyd III

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DES MOINES OFFICE

Responsiveness, a thorough understanding of the issues, and the quest for solutions are the defining characteristics of Bill Boyd’s approach to the law.

They are valuable attributes in his corporate law practice. Bill works primarily with [corporate entities on acquisitions](#), secured loans, and contracting matters, as well as on governance, organizational, operational, and planning issues. He advises health care and health insurance clients on regulatory matters (including privacy, certificate of need, and insurance regulation), and government contracts and compliance measures. In addition, Bill represents financial institutions on transactional matters and bank regulatory issues. Previous experience at a firm in Washington, D.C., has proven helpful with his array of client matters.

His extensive experience with nonprofit organizations—including charitable organizations, foundations, and trade associations—benefits from his legal philosophy and his personal dedication.

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### RECOGNITION

**The Best Lawyers in America®**

2005–2026

**Chambers USA**

2008–2025

**The Best Lawyers in America®**

- Lawyer of the Year, Corporate Law, Des Moines, 2011
- Lawyer of the Year, Health Care Law, Des Moines, 2014, 2024
- Lawyer of the Year, Non-Profit/Charities Law, Des Moines, 2012, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024

**American Bar Foundation**

Fellow

**Iowa State Bar Foundation**

Fellow

**Iowa State Bar Association**

- [Award of Merit, 2025](#)
- President’s Award, 2004

**Polk County Bar Association**

Award of Merit, 2014

**Outstanding Nonprofit Lawyer Award, American Bar Association, Section on Business Law**

2013



### PRACTICE AREAS

- Business, Finance & Real Estate
- Antitrust & Trade Regulation
- Banking & Secured Transactions
- Business & Commercial Transactions
- Business Organizations
- Contracts & Procurement
- Corporate Governance
- Health Care
- Insurance
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Government Affairs
- Administrative Rulemaking
- Bill Drafting
- Campaign Finance & Elections
- Legislation Tracking & Analysis
- Strategic Planning
- Labor & Employment
- Higher Education & Title IX Law

### EDUCATION

- University of Michigan (B.A., with high honors)
- University of Iowa (J.D., with distinction)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Iowa
- Missouri
- District of Columbia
- Minnesota

## **Great Plains Super Lawyers**

Business-Corporate, 2007, 2009–2026

## **PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS**

### **American Law Institute**

Elected Member

### **American Bar Association**

- Business Law Section
- Corporate Laws Committee, Liaison
- State and Local Bar Relations Committee, Chair, 2012–2015
- Nonprofit Organizations Committee, Chair, 2008–2011
- Antitrust Law Section
- Health Law Section
- Public Contract Law Section
- Iowa Region, Chair

### **Iowa State Bar Association**

- Board of Governors, 2014–2020
- President, 2019–2020
- Business Law Section Council, 2001–2007, 2020–present
- Business Law Section, Chair, 2004–2007, 2021–present
- Trade Regulation Section Council, 1998–2001
- Trade Regulation Section, Chair, 2000–2001
- Health Law Section Council, 1995–1998

### **Polk County Bar Association**

- Board of Directors, 2008–2014
- President, 2013–2014

### **American Health Lawyers Association**

### **National Contract Management Association**

### **ChildServe**

- Board of Directors, 2004–2011
- Chair, Board of Directors, 2009–2010

### **Variety – The Children’s Charity**

- Board of Directors, 1996–2003, 2005–2013
- President, 2011–2012

### **Iowa Legal Aid**

Board of Directors, 2008–2017

### **Iowa Legal Aid Foundation**

Board of Directors, 2020–present

### **University of Iowa Alumni Association**

- Board of Directors, 1993–1999
- President, 1997–1998

### **Humanities Iowa**

Board of Directors, 1996–2002

### **Iowa Arts Council**

Board of Directors, 2003–2007

## **Mercy College of Health Sciences**

- 2009–2019
- Chair, 2014–2015

## **SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS**

### **"Amendments to Iowa's revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act"**

The Iowa Lawyer (February 2024) (Co-author)

### **"Iowa Business Corporation Act: The First Comprehensive Revision of Iowa's Corporation Statute in Over 30 Years"**

ABA Business Law Today (January 2023) (Co-author)

### **"Benefit Corporations Come to Iowa"**

*The Iowa Lawyer* (October 2021)

### **"Iowa Business Corporation Act: The First Comprehensive Revision of Iowa's Corporation Statute in Over Thirty Years"**

*The Iowa Lawyer* (August 2021) (Co-author)

### ***Iowa Practice***

Business Organizations, Nonprofit Organizations chapter, West, 2023

### ***Business Law Manual***

Audit Opinion Letters and Nonprofit Corporations chapters, Iowa State Bar Association, 2005, 2010, 2018

### **Nonprofit Law: A Practical Guide to Legal Issues of Nonprofit Organizations** American Bar Association, 2017 (editor)

### **ABA State Law Procurement Handbook (third edition)**

Iowa Chapter, 2016, 2019, 2022

### **"Mergers, Acquisitions, and Affiliations Involving Nonprofits: Not Typical M&A Transactions"**

*ABA Business Law Today*, June 2014

### **Guidebook for Directors of Nonprofit Corporations**

American Bar Association, 2012, 2024 (co-editor)

### **"Lawyers' Service on Nonprofit Boards: Managing the Risks of an Important Community Activity"**

*ABA Business Law Today*, November/December 2008

### **The Governing Board for Iowa Charitable Nonprofits**

University of Iowa, 2007 (contributor)

### **"Revised Iowa Nonprofit Corporation Act"**

Iowa Nonprofit Resource Center, May 2005

### **Iowa Legal Research Guide**

Trade Regulation and Nonprofit Corporations chapters, Hein & Co., 2003 (co-author)

### **Legal Guide for Iowa Nonprofits**

Legal Aspects of Organizing an Iowa Nonprofit Corporation and Duties and Liabilities of Iowa Nonprofit Corporations Board of Directors chapters, University of Iowa, 2003

**"Implied-In-Fact Contract: Contractual Recovery Against the Government Without An Express Agreement"**

21 *Pub. Cont. L.J.* 84, fall 1991

**"The Treatment of Implied-in-Law and Implied-in-Fact Contracts and Promissory Estoppel in the United States Claims Court"**

40 *Cath. U. L. Rev.* 605, 1991 (co-author)