

# Neal A. Coleman

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For the accounting major who didn’t want to be an accountant, attending law school and focusing on business law was the perfect next step. A law class in high school piqued Neal Coleman’s interest in being an attorney. “I always had law school in the back of my mind and knew it would open up opportunities, regardless of the career path I chose.”

Neal has a general business practice focused on [real estate](#) and corporate law. He primarily works on commercial loan transactions, representing companies across the country that lend money secured by commercial properties. Neal helps lenders negotiate the terms of the loans, drafts the necessary documentation, and performs other due diligence behind the transactions.

While all transactions are made up of the same fundamental building blocks, each has distinguishing factors that require a thoughtful approach. “Every transaction presents new challenges, and each experience puts me in a better position for the next one,” Neal says. Highly organized and detail-oriented, Neal approaches each transaction with keen attention to every factor. “The stakes are often quite high, and it’s crucial to dot all the i’s and cross all the t’s so nothing is overlooked,” he says. “My skill sets are a perfect match for my job.”

Focused and responsive to client needs and requests, Neal welcomes and meets multiple demands and deadlines while delivering the high level of service he expects from himself. “Though somewhat stressful at times, keeping all the balls in the air is the part of the job that’s invigorating and stimulating,” he says.

With a desire for a level of sophistication in his practice, Neal values the opportunity to work at Nyemaster. “I’m lucky to have a practice that challenges me and, at the same time, lets me enjoy the quality of life Iowa offers,” he says. “It’s the best of both worlds.”

Neal has been active in various community and commercial real estate industry organizations. When not in the office, Neal chooses activities that get him outdoors with his family as much as possible.

## REPRESENTATIVE TRANSACTIONS

**Member of real estate finance team that has closed more than \$1 billion of commercial real estate loans annually for each of the past several years.**

## PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association**
- Real Property, Trust, and Estate Law Section
  - Title Insurance and Surveys Committee, chair
  - Purchase and Sale Committee, past vice chair
  - Mortgage Lending Committee, member

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## PRACTICE AREAS

- Business, Finance & Real Estate
- Alternative Energy, Renewable Fuels & Public Utilities
- Business Organizations
- Commercial Real Estate Finance
- Real Estate

## EDUCATION

- University of Iowa (B.B.A., Accounting, with highest distinction)
- University of Texas at Austin (J.D., with honors)

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Iowa

- Legal Opinions in Real Estate Transactions, member

#### **Iowa State Bar Association**

- Real Estate and Title Law Section

#### **Polk County Bar Association**

#### **Keep Iowa Beautiful**

Board of Directors; Secretary (2015-2018)

## **RECOGNITION**

#### **Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch**

- Banking and Finance Law, 2022-2025
- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), 2022-2025
- Real Estate Law, 2022-2025

#### **Great Plains Super Lawyers**

Rising Stars, 2016–2021

#### **Texas Law Review**

2009–2011

#### **Big Ten Baseball Academic All-Conference**

2005 and 2006

## **SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS**

#### **"The Ins and Outs of Reviewing Title and Land Surveys for Real Estate Transactions"**

American Bar Association: Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section eCLE, 2024 (program chair)

#### **"Commercial Title Endorsements: What Do You Really Need?"**

American Bar Association: Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section Annual Conference, 2023 (speaker)

#### **"Commercial Title Endorsements: What do you Really Need?"**

American Bar Association: Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section Annual Conference, 2020 (moderator)

#### **"Adjusting to the 2016 ALTA/NSPS Survey Standards"**

*The Abstract*, American College of Mortgage Attorneys, spring 2016 (co-author with James Wine and Rachel Parker).