Steven Lytle

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After nearly 40 years of active practice, Steve Lytle transitioned to Of Counsel status in 2013. Steve continues to assist Nyemaster firm lawyers and clients in a consulting role when needed to serve essential client interests on issues within his long-standing areas of expertise. He continues to serve as a family law mediator and accepts referrals throughout the state of Iowa.

In his litigation practice, Steve focused on representation of both husbands and wives in large asset cases involving complex business, property, and transactional matters; spousal support issues; division of executive compensation and benefits, including bonus arrangements, stock grants, options, and pension and retirement assets; and related divorce tax issues. His practice included representation of international clients, including cases arising under the Hague Convention.

Steve served on the Supreme Court Child Support Guideline Review Committee in 2003–2004, 2007–2008, 2011–2012, and 2015–2017. He co-chaired the committee in 2007–2008 and again in 2011–2012. He was a member of the Iowa Supreme Court Family Law Case Processing Reform Task Force from 2015 to 2016.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Iowa State Bar Association

- Board of Governors, 2002–2004
- Supreme Court Budget Committee, 2001–2003
- Family Law Section Council, 1990–1993, 1995–1998
- Section Chair, 1997–1998

Polk County Bar Association

- Family Law Committee, 1979–1993; Chair, 1985–1990
- Ethics Committee, 1996–2002; Chair, 1999–2002

Iowa State Bar Foundation
Fellow

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
Fellow, 1992–2014

Urbandale Public Library
Board of Trustees, 1987–2005

Urbandale Public Library Foundation
Board of Directors, 1987–Present

Endow Urbandale Community Fund
Board of Trustees, 2001–Present



PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
- Administrative Hearings, Arbitrations & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Matrimonial & Family Law

EDUCATION

- Drake University (B.S.B.A.; J.D., with honors)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Iowa
- Admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in Iowa
- Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. Supreme Court (inactive status)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, Drake University Law School
- Captain, USAF, 1967–1972; Captain, ANG, 1972–1976

Capital Improvements Planning Committee
City of Urbandale, 1998–Present

RECOGNITION

Martindale-Hubbell
AV® Preeminent, 1990–2019

The Best Lawyers in America®
Lawyer of the Year, Family Law, Des Moines, 2009

The Best Lawyers in America®
Family Law, 1993–2027

Great Plains Super Lawyers
Family Law, 2009–2026

Phi Eta Sigma

Beta Gamma Sigma

Order of the Coif

Drake Law Review
1974–1976

SPEECHES & PUBLICATIONS

Steve has been a frequent speaker on family law topics, including retirement plans and their equitable distribution, preparation of QDROs, tax aspects of divorce, and creative solutions for complex business and transactional issues in dissolution of marriage proceedings.

Steve was consultant to the editor for *Pension Valuation Strategies in Divorce* by Marvin Snyder (Professional Education Systems, Inc., 1989).

SIGNIFICANT CASES

In Re Marriage of Coyer, 2004 WL 2002448 (Iowa Ct. App. September 9, 2004).

In Re Marriage of Lyman, 2002 WL 1585904 (Iowa Ct. App. July 19, 2002).

In Re Marriage of Fox, 559 N.W.2d 26 (Iowa 1997).

In Re Marriage of Spiegel, 553 N.W.2d 309 (Iowa 1996).

Rydder v. Rydder, 49 F.3d 369 (8th Cir. 1995).