

## Steven Lytle

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DES MOINES OFFICE

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.

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## 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

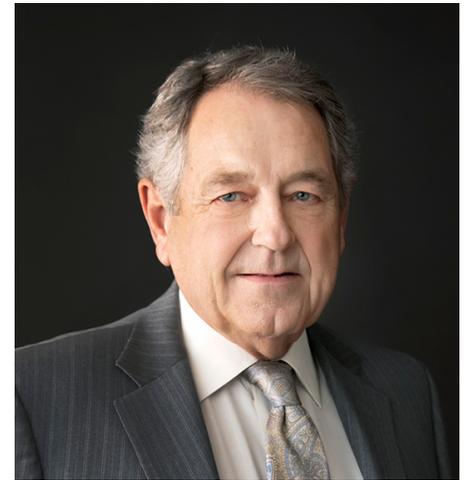
Board of Trustees, 1987–2005

#### 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, 1993–2025

### Great Plains Super Lawyers

Family Law, 2009–2024

### 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).