Hallie E. Still-Caris

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DES MOINES OFFICE

In Hallie Still-Caris' business, finance, and real estate practice, success is all about reaching the best outcome for both parties. Working toward a common objective is one of her favorite parts of the job. "You're all paddling in the same direction," Hallie says. "Sure, there is conflict; you're going back and forth, but you're all working toward the same goal." Hallie finds satisfaction in helping her clients reach their goals. "I like to solve problems. I like to figure things out," she says.

Hallie uses her problem-solving skills in the area of commercial real estate finance, which is her specialty. She is part of a team of attorneys who have developed a niche practice area representing life insurance companies that make commercial real estate loans, although she also represents borrowers who are seeking financing. In addition, Hallie focuses on two other areas: general corporate law—in which she handles purchase and sale transactions, contract reviews, and entity formations, among other general corporate matters—and environmental law—in which she reviews environmental site assessments and advises clients on compliance with state and federal environmental laws. Additionally, she practices in the area of antitrust law by preparing Hart-Scott-Rodino filings.

Hallie enjoys being involved in the community and is an active member of the board of directors of the Greater Des Moines Partnership and is the co-chair of Downtown DSM. In her free time, she works on restoring the barn on her family's century farm outside Scranton, Iowa.

RECOGNITION

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2013–2027

Chambers USA
2015–2017

Great Plains Super Lawyers
2011–2026

Athena Award, Women's Chamber Alliance
In recognition of community service, 2005

Interfaith Alliance of Iowa
Volunteer of the Year Award, 2003

Iowa Law Review
Senior Note and Comment Editor, 1985–1986

PRACTICE AREAS

- Business, Finance & Real Estate
- Antitrust & Trade Regulation
- Banking & Secured Transactions
- Business & Commercial Transactions
- Commercial Real Estate Finance
- Environmental
- Real Estate

EDUCATION

- Iowa State University (B.S.)
- University of Iowa (J.D., with distinction)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Iowa
- Illinois

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Lane & Waterman LLP

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Greater Des Moines Partnership
- Board, 2006–2011, 2015–present
- Executive Committee, 2015–present

Downtown DSM
- Board, 2015–present
- Executive Committee, 2015–present
- Co-Chair, 2015–present

Whiterock Conservancy
- Board of Directors, 2022–present

Committee on Justice in the 21st Century
- Board of Directors, 2021–present

Iowa Legal Aid
- Justice After Hours planning committee, 2016–2018

Plymouth Congregational Church
- Foundation Board, 2018–present, Chair, 2020–present
- Deacon, 2014–2017
- Personnel Committee, 2013–2016
- Church Council, 2011–2012
- Board of Trustees, 2002–2007, Chair, 2006–2007

Interfaith Alliance of Iowa
Board, 2000–2003

Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute
1997–1998

United Way of Central Iowa
- Board, 2001–2007
- Executive Committee, 2004–2007
- Public Policy Committee, Chair, 2006–2008
- Donor Directed Contribution Policy Ad Hoc Committee, Member, 2011

American Bar Association

Iowa State Bar Association
- Environmental and Natural Resources Law Council, 1988–1993, 1998–2000, 2009–2015
- Chair, 1999–2000

Polk County Bar Association

Polk County Women Attorneys

REPRESENTATIVE TRANSACTIONS

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