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John Lorentzen practices in commercial litigation, insurance, and ERISA. His practice in these areas includes litigation and appeals before state and federal courts and agencies.

He has been involved as first chair in a number of trials, both jury and non-jury; arbitrations; and in over 30 reported or pending appeals.



PRACTICE AREAS

- Litigation
- Business & Commercial Litigation
- ERISA Litigation
- Insurance Coverage & Conduct

EDUCATION

- St. Olaf College (B.A., with honors)
- Drake University (J.D., with honors)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Iowa
- Admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in Iowa
- Federal District Court, Central District of Illinois
- Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. Supreme Court

RECOGNITION

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The Best Lawyers in America®
Commercial Litigation, 2012–2027

Great Plains Super Lawyers
Business Litigation, 2012–2026

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PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association
Litigation Section

Iowa State Bar Association

Polk County Bar Association

Iowa Defense Counsel Association

SIGNIFICANT CASES

***McKennan v. Meadowvale Dairy Employee Benefit Plan*, 973 F.3d 805 (8th Cir. 2020).** Assignment of benefits to provider would not constitute appointment of provider as an authorized representative for internal ERISA appeals.

***Telligen, Inc. v. Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company*, 413 F.Supp.3d 842 (S.D. Iowa 2019).** DOL's request for inspection of ERISA plan documents was not a claim that was required to be reported to liability insurer.

***Decker Plastics Corp. v. West Bend Mutual Insurance Company* 880 F.3d 1017 (8th Cir. 2018).** Physical damage from manufacturing defect not caused by "occurrence".

***Rebarcak v. Cincinnati Insurance Company* 2017 WL 5957200 (S.D. Iowa 2017).** No bad faith tort claim for breach of workers' compensation settlement agreement.

***Iowa Code § 522B.11(7)* (2011).** Re-establishing elements of negligence claim against insurance agent. Abrogating in part Langwith v. Am. Nat'l Gen. Ins. Co., 793 N.W.2d 215 (Iowa 2010), appeal after remand, 2012 WL 4513904 (Iowa Ct. App. 2012).

***McGinnis v. The Iowa Clinic* 2009 WL 2424643 (Iowa Ct. App. 2009).** No common law direct action by shareholders against corporation.

***W.C. Stewart Constr., Inc. v. Cincinnati Ins. Co.* 2009 WL 928871 (Iowa Ct. App. 2009).** Physical damage from construction defect not caused by "occurrence".

***Travelers Cas. & Sur. Co. of Am. v. IADA Servs., Inc.,* 497 F.3d 862, 76 U.S.L.W. 1120 (8th Cir. 2007).** No right of contribution between shared fiduciaries under ERISA (circuit split between the 2nd and 7th and the 8th and 9th.

***Iowa Grocery Indus. Ass'n v. City of Des Moines* 712 N.W.2d 675 (Iowa 2006).** Municipal ordinance preempted by state statute.