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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 RAMTIN ZAKIKHANI, KIMBERLY  
13 ELZINGA, THEODORE MADDOX JR.,  
14 MICHAEL SUMMA, JACQUELINE  
WASHINGTON, PATTI TALLEY, ANA  
15 OLACIREGUI, ELAINE PEACOCK,  
MELODY IRISH, and DONNA  
16 TINSLEY, individually and on behalf of  
all others similarly situated,

17 Plaintiffs,

18 v.

19 HYUNDAI MOTOR COMPANY,  
20 HYUNDAI MOTOR AMERICA, KIA  
CORPORATION, and KIA AMERICA,  
21 INC.,

22 Defendants.

Case No.: 8:20-cv-01584-SB-JDE

**DECLARATION OF J. BARTON  
GOPLERUD IN SUPPORT OF  
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR  
ATTORNEYS' FEES AND SERVICE  
AWARDS**

1 I, J. Barton Goplerud, declare as follows, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746:

2 1. I am a partner in the law firm of Shindler, Anderson, Goplerud and  
3 Weese (the “Firm” or “Shindler Anderson”). I submit this declaration in support of  
4 Class Counsel’s application for an award of attorneys’ fees and expenses in  
5 connection with services rendered in the above-entitled class action (the “Action”). I  
6 have knowledge of the matters set forth herein based on personal knowledge, my  
7 review of the Firm’s records, and consultation with other personnel of the Firm.

8 2. I submit this Declaration in support of Plaintiffs’ Motion for an Award of  
9 Attorneys’ Fees and Service Awards, which seeks \$8,696,551.50 in attorneys’ fees  
10 and costs up to \$239,767.60 in connection with the amended settlement agreement  
11 (“Settlement”) preliminarily approved by this Court on October 20, 2022. (Doc. No.  
12 130).

13 3. A copy of Shindler Anderson’s firm resume is attached as Exhibit 1.

14 4. Shindler Anderson has served as Co-Lead Counsel, Co-Counsel, or Local  
15 Counsel in several class action matters including but not limited to David Cohen et al  
16 v. Accordia Life and Annuity Company et al, No. 4:18-cv-00458-JAJ-RAW (SD),  
17 Philip A. Kramer et al v. Aegon USA LLC et al, No. 1:15-cv-00031 (ND), Krsitina  
18 Jones et al v. Casey’s Gen. Stores, Inc. et al, No. 4:07-cv-400-RP-TJS (SD), Fredrick  
19 D. Taylor et al v. Midland National Life Insurance Company, No. 4:16-cv-00140-  
20 SMR-HCA (SD), Fredrick Rozo v. Principal Life Insurance Company et al, No. 4:14-  
21 cv-00463 (SD), Jon Hanson et al v. Berthal Fisher and Company Financial Services  
22 Inc et al, No. 1:13-cv-00067-LRR (ND), Norman Davis IV et al v. TPI Composites  
23 Inc. et al, No. 4:11-cv-00233-JAJ-TJS (SD), Maryann Etter v. Trinity Structural  
24 Towers Inc, No. 4:11-cv-249-RP-CEB (SD), Eugene Hansen et al v. Per Mar Security  
25 Services et al, No. 4:09-cv-459 (SD), and Jose Lagunas et al v. Cargill Meat Solutions  
26 Corp., No.4:10-cv-00163-JAJ-RAW (SD)

1           5.     Shindler Anderson has regularly prosecuted class action cases across the  
2 country since 2003.

3           6.     Shindler Anderson is counsel of record for Plaintiffs Ramtin Zakikhahi et  
4 al., Court-appointed Class Representatives for the Settlement Class.

5           7.     My Firm, which assisted Class Counsel during the course of the Action,  
6 was involved in various aspects of the litigation, in particular the investigation of the  
7 claims, the assisting in reviewing draft pleadings and research on the claims alleged. I  
8 further regularly participated with co-counsel on draft edits to pleadings and motions. I  
9 participated in mediation and settlement of this matter, including time spent on the  
10 settlement terms and release. The work performed by Shindler Anderson in this  
11 litigation was done at the direction of and in coordination with Class Counsel, in order  
12 to prevent the unnecessary duplication of work.

13           8.     As of February 28, 2023, the Firm has spent 90.60 hours litigating this  
14 case, for a total firm lodestar of \$56,625. A summary of hours incurred by timekeeper,  
15 with respective rates and roles included, is below:

<b>Timekeeper</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Lodestar</b>
J. Barton Goplerud	Partner	\$625.00	90.6	\$56,625
<b>TOTALS:</b>			<b>90.6</b>	<b>\$56,625</b>

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19           9.     The information in this Declaration regarding the Firm's time was  
20 prepared from time records prepared and maintained by the Firm in the regular course  
21 of business. I reviewed the Firm's time records to confirm their accuracy. The purpose  
22 of this was to confirm the accuracy of the entries in the time records as well as the  
23 necessity for, and reasonableness of, the time and expenses committed to the Action.

24           10.    I believe that the time reflected in the Firm's lodestar calculation and the  
25 litigation expenses for which payment is sought are reasonable and were necessary for  
26 the effective and efficient prosecution and resolution of the Action. In addition, I  
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1 believe that the expenses are all of the type that would normally be charged to a fee-  
2 paying client in the non-contingent marketplace.

3 7. Shindler Anderson has incurred a total of \$ 1,000 in unreimbursed  
4 litigation expenses related to filing fees in connection with the prosecution of the  
5 Action. The expenses are reflected on the books and records of the Firm. These  
6 books and records are prepared from expense vouchers, check records and other  
7 source materials and are an accurate record of the expenses incurred.

8 22. Should the Court wish to review *in camera* any of the detailed time or  
9 cost records underlying the amounts recited in this Declaration, they are available.

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11 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the  
12 foregoing is true and correct.

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14 Executed 3/19/2023, in Riverside County, California.

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18 J. Barton Goplerud  
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# Exhibit 1



## **Shindler & Anderson, Goplerud & Weese P.C.**

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### **Our Practice**

Our attorneys provide a broad range of legal services to individuals and business clients throughout the Midwest. Our practice areas include family law, real estate, personal injury, banking and finance, personal bankruptcy and business bankruptcy, alternative dispute resolution (ADR), appeals, health care law, consumer fraud, insurance law, wage and hour violations, medical malpractice, business and corporate law, products liability, agricultural law, commercial litigation, workers' compensation, employment law, sports and leisure law, and entertainment law.

### **OUR ATTORNEYS**

#### **Frederick B. Anderson**

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## **Biography**

Mr. Anderson has been in private practice since 1977 in West Des Moines, Iowa. He represents many small and medium sized companies throughout Iowa that do business locally and internationally. He has extensive litigation experience in all Iowa and federal courts, and all arbitration and mediation forums.

Mr. Anderson is a member of several organizations including the Iowa Bar Association, Polk County Bar Association, Academy of Iowa Trial Attorneys and Iowa Trial Lawyers Association. He has been Chairman of the Lawyer Referral Committee of the Iowa Bar Association, a member of the Grievance Commission of the Supreme Court of Iowa and a member of the Clive Planning and Zoning Commission. He has coached high school and junior high school mock trial teams for several years. He was Clive Iowa outstanding citizen in 2001. Fred resides in West Des Moines, Iowa, with his wife, Vicki.

## **Areas of Practice**

Contracts and Business  
Corporate Law  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Securities  
Real Estate  
Litigation  
Trial law  
Personal Injury  
Alternate Dispute Resolution  
Wills and Trusts  
Estate Planning  
Probate Law  
Employment Law

## **Education**

Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa  
J.D.—1977  
Honors: Order of the Coif  
Honors: With Honors  
Honors: Drake Legal Research, 1975–77, Editor  
Law Review: Drake University Law Review, 1975–1977  
University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota  
B.A. *magna cum laude*—1974  
Honors: With Honors  
Major: Political Science  
Minor: Economics and Business



## **Katie L. Gallo**

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### **Biography**

Katie has spent her professional life devoted to helping those in need, often when facing uncertain times because of family turmoil. Prior to joining Shindler, Anderson, Goplerud and Weese P.C, Katie was the in house counsel for a local youth services agency in Des Moines. Her passion for assisting those in need, especially children and families, makes Katie's empathy a key ingredient of her representation. Katie's empathy and strong work ethic make her and her clients achieve favorable results.

Katie has been zealously representing clients in the Des Moines area since 2009. She practices primarily in the areas of divorce, child custody, visitation, child support, juvenile law, and litigation.

Katie received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Iowa in 2006, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Political Science. She obtained her Juris Doctorate from Drake University Law School in 2009. Katie is a member of several organizations including the Iowa Bar Association, Polk County Bar Association, Iowa Organization of Women Attorney, and Polk County Women Attorneys. Katie Resides in Urbandale, Iowa, with her husband.

### **Areas of Practice**

Family Law

Juvenile Law

Divorce

Custody

Visitation

Child Support

Litigation

### **Education**

Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa

J.D.—2009

Honors: With Honors

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

B.A.—2006

Honors: Cum Laude

Major: Psychology

Minor: Political Science



## **J. Barton Goplerud**

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### **Biography**

Bart represents clients in class action, personal injury, medical malpractice, product liability, and workers' compensation cases. He is licensed to practice in all Iowa State and federal courts and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Association, and the American Association for Justice. Bart earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in 1982 and his law degree from Drake University in 1990. Bart and his wife Leslie live in Booneville.

### **Areas of Practice**

Wrongful Death

Medical Malpractice Law

Misdiagnosis

Surgical Mistake

Personal Injury

Automobile Accidents

Slip and Fall

Products Liability Law

Workers' Compensation

Consumer Protection Law

Litigation

Wage and Hour Violation

Class Action/Anti-Trust Violation

### **Education**

Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa

J.D.—1990

Honors: Order of the Coif

Law Review: Drake Law Review, Editor

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

B.A.—1982

## **Andrew B. Howie**

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### **Biography**

Andrew B. Howie is a shareholder with the firm of Shindler, Anderson, Goplerud and Weese P.C. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, in 1993, and his J.D. with distinction from the University of Iowa in 1996. He is licensed to practice in Iowa (1996), the Northern and Southern Districts of the U.S. District Court of Iowa (1996), Eighth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals (1996), and the U.S. Supreme Court (1999). After graduating from law school in 1996, he served as a clerk for the Iowa District Court in Burlington for a year. Mr. Howie has practiced in Polk County since 1997. He primarily practices in appellate law, having appeared in over 160 rulings from Federal and Iowa's appellate courts, and hundreds of family law cases in trial court. He has been a member of the Iowa State Bar Association's Family and Juvenile Law Section since 2002, having served as its Chair (2009–10), Vice-chair (2008–09), and chair of its Forms and Practice subcommittee (2004–08, 2010–present). He has been a member of Iowa State Bar Association's Appellate Practice Committee since 2004 and served as its Chair from 2012 to 2013.

He authored the Iowa State Bar Association's "Family Law Manual", published in 2008, 2012, and 2015, which is primary tool for judges and attorneys throughout Iowa.

### **Areas of Practice**

Divorce

Family Law

Litigation & Appeals

Personal Injury—Plaintiff

### **Education**

University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa

J.D.—1996

Honors: With Distinction

Honors: Moot Court Board

Wartburg College, Waverly, IA

B.A.—1993

Major: Political Science

**Tara L. Hofbauer**

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**Biography**

Tara brings a true competitive nature to her clients while helping them navigate through difficult times. Clients are drawn to Tara’s passionate advocacy and honesty from the first meeting. Tara derives a deep satisfaction from arming potential clients with the proper tools to ready themselves for litigation. Tara’s experience as a criminal prosecutor brings a unique perspective to family law. She has tried cases in various courtrooms throughout the State of Iowa. Tara practices primarily in the areas of divorce, child custody, visitation and child support litigation; criminal defense—from traffic tickets to felonies; and personal injury. Tara received her Bachelor of Science from Iowa State University in 2004, majoring in English, with an emphasis in rhetorical studies. While at Iowa State, she was able to attend an intensive foreign language program at the Universidad Internacional in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico. She earned her Juris Doctorate from Drake University Law School in December 2006 and sat for the February 2007 bar exam. Prior to joining the firm in January of 2012, Tara was an Assistant Marshall County Attorney in Marshalltown, Iowa. While prosecuting, Tara also served on the Board of Directors at Child Abuse Prevention Services.

**Areas of Practice**

Family Law

Divorce

Custody

Visitation

Child Support

Criminal Defense

Personal Injury

Litigation

**Education**

Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa

Juris Doctor—2006

Honors: With Honors

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

B.S., Bachelor of Science

Honors: With Distinction

Major: English, emphasis in Rhetorical Studies

## **Michael P. Mallaney**

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### **Biography**

Mike represents clients in commercial, bankruptcy, antitrust, agriculture, and administrative law cases. Mike is licensed to practice in all Iowa State and federal courts and is a member of the American Bar Association and the Polk County Bar Association. Mike earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University in 1972, his master's degree from Eastern Illinois University in 1975, and his law degree from Drake University in 1979. He served as law clerk for Bankruptcy Judge Richard F. Stageman in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Iowa from 1980 to 1982.

### **Areas of Practice**

Agriculture Law

Antitrust & Trade Regulation

Bankruptcy Law

Government Agencies & Programs

### **Education**

Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa

J.D.—1979

Honors: With Honors

Law Review: Drake Law Review, 1978 – 1979

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois

M.A.—1975

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois

B.S.—1972

Major: History

## **Brian O. Marty**

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### **Biography**

Brian represents clients in personal injury, workers' compensation, medical malpractice, and wrongful death cases. He also represents clients in securities fraud, consumer fraud, and financial services class-action cases nationwide. Through both trial and settlement negotiations, he has helped his clients recover millions of dollars.

Brian earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota and his law degree from the University of St. Thomas School of Law, where he served on the editorial board of the law review and graduated third in his class. He and his wife Megan and their children live in Clive.

### **Areas of Practice**

Personal Injury

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Slip and Fall

Medical Malpractice

Product Liability

Workers' Compensation

Bankruptcy

Class Action

### **Education**

University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, MN

Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*—2010

Law Review: University of St. Thomas Law Review

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota

Bachelor of Business Administration, *summa cum laude*—2007

Major: Aviation Management

## **Peter J. Rolwes**

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### **Biography**

Mr. Rolwes has been in private practice in West Des Moines, Iowa, since 2007. He represents individual and corporate clients in a variety of legal matters including, estate planning and probate, business and corporate law, bankruptcy, real estate, personal injury, and civil litigation. Mr. Rolwes has litigated numerous cases in all Iowa and federal courts as well as in arbitration. He is also a frequent speaker at local colleges and churches on various legal topics. Outside of work, Pete serves as a small group host at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines, volunteers with various charities, and regularly serves on the alumni board of the Iowa Sigma chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family, running, and playing golf. Pete lives in Urbandale, Iowa, with his wife, Jessica and their two boys.

### **Areas of Practice**

Wills, Trusts, Estate Planning & Probate Law

Bankruptcy

Business Law

Corporate Law

Commercial Law

Contracts

Trademarks & Copyright Law

Non Profit Law

Real Estate

Collections Law

Employment Law

Litigation

Personal Injury

Lemon Law

### **Education**

Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa

J.D.—2007

High Honors

Law Review: Drake Law Review

Drake University College of Business and Public Administration, Des Moines, Iowa

M.B.A.—2007

Beta Gamma Sigma

Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa

B.A. *magna cum laude*—2004

Major: Business Management

## **Steven H. Shindler**

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### **Biography**

Steve brings his strong passion when he represents many diverse individuals as they face life altering events. For over thirty years, together with his clients Steve works hard at crafting remedies that help solve people's current problems and provide future solutions, whether it be through alternative dispute resolution or litigation.

Away from the practice of law, Steve has served on several different Boards including the West Des Moines Little League, Holliday Park Baseball Club Boards and Glen Oaks Country Club. He has been active with coaching youth baseball and has been involved as a volunteer with the West Des Moines Valley High School baseball program.

### **Areas of Practice**

Divorce

Entertainment, Sports & Leisure Law

Family Law

Health & Health Care Law

Personal Injury—Plaintiff

Professional Malpractice Law

Civil Rights Claims

### **Education**

California Western School of Law, San Diego, California

J.D.—1982

Order of Barristers

National Moot Court

Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

B.A.—1977



## **Ryan E. Weese**

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### **Biography**

Mr. Weese began his private practice over 21 years ago in 2001. He represents clients throughout the state in a variety of domestic situations that include child custody disputes, property distribution, business valuation and division, farm property, alimony, child support, and all other aspects concerning divorce and the related areas of practice. Mr. Weese has also engaged in representation of plaintiffs and defendants in medical malpractice, personal injury, criminal and employment discrimination cases. His clients include individual clients struggling through a dissolution of marriage to corporate clients trying to succeed in their respective businesses.

Mr. Weese is a current fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) since 2013 and has received a variety of awards for his quality representation and hard work. Those awards include, but are not limited to, 2016-2020 Great Plains Super Lawyer, Super Lawyers—Rising Star; Top 100 Trial Attorneys (National Trial Lawyers); Top 10 Family Law Attorney (National Academy of Family Law Attorneys); and the other awards set forth below.

In his free time, Mr. Weese enjoys spending time with his family who reside in West Des Moines. He is also actively involved in several athletic endeavors and has coached baseball for several years in West Des Moines and in Mason City.

### **Areas of Practice**

Family Law

Trial Law

Medical Malpractice

Juvenile Law

Civil Rights and Discrimination

Personal Injury

### **Education**

Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa

J.D.—2001

Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

B.S. *magna cum laude*—1998

## **Jonathon P. Flaherty-Tarpey**

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### **Biography**

Jon represents clients in family law litigation, civil litigation, and wills & estate matters. His approach to the practice of law is meticulous and detail oriented. Jon has litigated family law and criminal defense matters through trial in several Iowa counties. Beyond fighting for his clients in court, Jon strives to provide clients with prompt communication and efficient use of time in order to produce resolutions that are effective in addressing the client's expectations for the case.

Jon earned his bachelor's degree from Morningside College and his law degree from Drake Law School. He is a West Des Moines native and attended Valley High School.

### **Areas of Practice**

Family Law

Criminal Defense

General Civil Litigation

Juvenile Law

Adoptions

Wills & Estate Planning

### **Education**

Drake Law School, Des Moines, IA

Juris Doctor, 2018

Morningside College, Sioux City, IA

Bachelor of Science, 2015

Major: Business Administration

Minor: Legal Studies, Philosophy

## **James R. Hinchliff**

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### **Biography**

Jim represents clients in the areas of divorce, litigation, child custody/visitation, taxation, child support, appeals, business law, contracts, and corporate law. Prior to joining Shindler, Anderson, Goplerud & Weese P.C., Jim represented clients in a general practice law firm in Perry, Iowa. During his time in general practice, he gained experience in criminal law, tax preparation, estate planning, and real estate law.

When Jim meets with clients, he focuses his energy on listening and gathering as much information as possible to provide honest advice in times of hardship or prosperity. After listening and gathering information, Jim seeks to provide a plan of action and counsel to his clients while focusing on their interests.

While in law school, Jim had the opportunity to work for a United States District Court Magistrate Judge for two summers, work for a Prosecutor's Office, and work on the Editorial Staff for the Creighton Law Review.

Outside of work, Jim enjoys spending time with his family and participating in various sports and recreational activities. Jim coaches Johnston High School Mock Trial and serves on the City of Grimes Tree Board.

### **Areas of Practice**

Litigation

Divorce

Child Custody/ Visitation

Appeals

Child Support

Business Law

Contracts

Corporate Law

Wills & Trust

Taxation

### **Education**

Creighton University School of Law, Omaha, Nebraska

Juris Doctor, 2014

*Creighton Law Review, Editorial Staff Member*

Iowa State University, Ames, IA

Bachelor of Science, 2015

Major: Political Science and Anthropology

Minor: History

## **Gary W. Kendell**

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### **Biography**

Gary has been practicing law for more than 25 years. He represents clients in Iowa and Wisconsin in wrongful death, personal injury, auto and trucking accident, employment discrimination and harassment, retaliation, wrongful termination, wage and hour class action, premises liability, general litigation, divorce, and criminal defense cases.

Gary is a seasoned litigator having tried more than 80 jury trials to verdict as first chair and has experience trying cases in rural, suburban, and urban Courts all across Iowa. He is an excellent strategist and uses his skills and more than 25 years of experience to provide effective and well thought out representation for his clients to help them best achieve their particular goals.

Outside of work, Gary volunteers his time helping with the activities that his children are involved in serving in various volunteer, coaching and leadership roles. He has served as Vice President and President of the Home & School Association as well as Co-Chair of the annual fundraiser auction for Sacred Heart School in West Des Moines. Through the years, Gary has served as a member and executive board member for numerous non-profit organizations on the national, state and local level.

In his free time, Gary enjoys spending time with his family and friends, traveling, golfing and honing his foosball skills. Gary lives in Des Moines with his wife Ann and their two children, Elizabeth and Holden.

### **Areas of Practice**

Wrongful Death

Personal Injury

Auto and Trucking Accidents

Employment Discrimination

Wage and Hour Class Actions

Premises Liability

Litigation

Divorce

Criminal Defense

### **Education**

Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA

Juris Doctor, 1996

Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA

Bachelor of Science, 1993

Major: Political Science & Economics

Minor: Speech Communications

## **Eugene L. Nassif**

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### **Biography**

Eugene is a fierce advocate for all his clients. His ability to navigate through difficult, highly emotional situations provides certainty and confidence to his clients. He credits much of his success to his colleagues and mentors at the firm, helping him become the lawyer he is. Eugene represents clients in a variety of domestic situations including child custody, visitation and child support litigation, alimony, property and business valuation and division, and other aspects concerning divorce and related areas of practice.

Eugene was the first student from Luther College to enroll in the 3+3 program with Drake Law School. This allowed him to complete his undergraduate studies in 3 years. He went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from Drake Law School in May 2018 and sat for the July 2018 bar exam. While in law school Eugene was a member of the Drake Law Delta Theta Phi chapter, treasurer of the Federalist Society, and Dean's list recipient.

In his free time, Eugene enjoys spending time with his wife and family, attending local community events and running Obtainium, a whiskey brand he developed in 2018.

### **Areas of Practice**

Divorce

Child custody

Visitation and Child Support Litigation

Alimony

Property and Business Valuation and Division

### **Education**

Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA

Juris Doctor, 2018

Luther College,

Bachelor of Arts, Decorah, IA, 2016

Major: Political Science

## **Thomas W. Polking**

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### **Biography**

Tom began his practice in the rural community of Jefferson, Iowa, in 1972, with the law firm of Wilcox, Polking, Gerken, Schwarzkopf & Copeland, P.C. He was a long-term shareholder of this firm. In 2015, after Tom and his wife, Karen, moved to West Des Moines, he transitioned his law practice to Tom Polking, P.C. and of-counsel with Shindler, Anderson, Goplerud & Weese, P.C., maintaining offices in both locations. As of January of 2019, Tom is a full-time member of Shindler, Anderson, Goplerud & Weese, P.C.

Tom's main areas of practice involve representing clients throughout the state of Iowa in legal matters dealing with business and corporate law, estate planning, trusts, real estate and probate. A large part of Tom's practice involves succession planning of family-owned businesses, with an emphasis in family farms, while taking into consideration the various tax aspects and operational issues involved in these transfers.

Outside of the practice of law, Tom has served on numerous boards, including Greene County Development Corporation, Jefferson Community School District, Genesis Development, Thomas Jefferson Gardens of Greene County and the Glen Oaks Homeowners Association. Tom has also volunteered for various charities and is presently volunteering at the Food Bank of Iowa.

Tom and Karen reside in West Des Moines. They have four daughters, who with their spouses and eight children all live in the Greater Des Moines area.

### **Areas of Practice**

Business Law

Corporate Law

Real Estate Law

Wills, Trust, Estate Planning

Probate Law

### **Education**

Creighton University Law School, Des Moines, IA

Juris Doctor, 1972

Iowa State University, Ames, IA

Bachelor of Arts, Decorah, IA, 1969