

KELSEY J. KNOWLES
BELIN MCCORMICK, P.C.
666 WALNUT STREET, SUITE 2000
DES MOINES, IA 50309
PHONE: 515.283.4631
EMAIL: KJKNOWLES@BELINMCCORMICK.COM

REPRESENTATIVE PRACTICE

Advocacy and neutral practice. Advocacy practice focuses on general litigation with an emphasis on employment litigation, employment counseling, and traditional labor negotiation, arbitration, and counseling. Neutral practice focuses on work as a mediator and investigator. Law firm biography includes representative work: <https://www.belinmccormick.com/attorneys/kelsey-j-knowles>

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

BELIN MCCORMICK, P.C.

Shareholder (Associate until 2010)

Recognized by Chambers and Partners in the area of Labor and Employment, tier 3

Des Moines, IA

October 2007–Present

CLERKSHIPS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

Graduate Judicial Clerk to Judge Ronald E. Longstaff

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

Graduate Judicial Clerk to Judge Richard L. Nygaard

Des Moines, IA

August 2005–August 2007

Eric, PA

September 2004–August 2005

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Iowa; United States Court of Appeals for the Third and Eighth Circuits; United States District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- Young Women’s Resource Center, Des Moines, Iowa since 2021: Board Member, Chair of Governance Committee, Board President (2022-2024)
 - Living History Farms, Urbandale, Iowa until 2019: Board Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Board Secretary (2013-2014), Nominating and Governance Committee (2013-2014)
 - Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute, Class of 2013
 - Member of Iowa State Bar Association, American Bar Association, Polk County Bar Association, Polk County Women Attorneys, Iowa Organization of Women Attorneys (I.O.W.A.)
-

EDUCATION

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL

Newton, MA

Juris Doctor, Summa Cum Laude

May 2004

- *Boston College Law Review, Executive Editor*
- Order of the Coif; Privitera Family Award for exceptional contribution to the Law School through scholarship and service to the community as well as work in the law; Dean Denis A. Dooley Award for the student with an outstanding scholarship average; Wendell F. Grimes Award for outstanding work in advocacy competitions
- National Craven Constitutional Moot Court Champions; Runner-up Best Brief

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Tempe, AZ

Bachelor of Science in Marketing, College of Business, Summa Cum Laude

May 2001

CERTIFICATES OR RELEVANT CONTINUING EDUCATION

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION MEDIATION/ARBITRATION TRAINING COURSE

Des Moines, IA

January 2020