

J. Scott Bogguss

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Practice Areas

- Taxation Law
- Estate Planning and Private Wealth
- Business Transactions and Counseling
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Divestitures
- Pension Plans, Profit Sharing and Employee Benefits
- Agriculture Law
- Probate, Estate and Trust Litigation
- Startups and Emerging Companies

Biography

J. Scott Bogguss is a business, transactional and tax attorney with extensive experience providing tax, trust and estate, probate and general business law counsel to a wide variety of closely held businesses and their owners. Mr. Bogguss' general activities include initial organization and reorganization of business entities to accomplish the financial, tax planning, management and other objectives of the owners and managers of such entities. His work also frequently involves the design and implementation of estate, pension, mergers, acquisitions, business succession and executive compensation plans. Mr. Bogguss' experience includes transactional work in mergers, acquisitions and secured lending. He also represents business and individual clients with respect to disputed income tax matters and is a practicing member of the agricultural law practice group.

Prior to 2009, Mr. Bogguss was a member of the Cedar Rapids firm of Moyer & Bergman PLC where he served several terms in that firm's management and as chair of its business and tax group.

Bar Admission

- State of Iowa

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, JD
- University of Iowa, BBA
    - Finance and Insurance

Professional & Community Affiliations

Professional Memberships

- American Bar Association
    - Real Property, Trust & Estate Law Section
    - Taxation Section
    - Division Membership in Senior Lawyers
- Iowa State Bar Association
    - Probate, Trust & Estate Planning Section
    - Taxation Section (Tax School Chair 2007; Section Council 2007-2010; Section Chair 2009-2010)
- Linn County Bar Association
- American College of Tax Counsel (ACTC), Fellow
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Fellow
- Iowa Academy of Trust and Estate Counsel, member
- Cedar Rapids Area Estate Planning Council
- Institute of Management Accountants

Community Involvement

- Cedar Rapids Symphony Foundation, Former Board of Directors
- St. Luke’s Health Care Foundation, Former Chair
- Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation, Former Chair

Honors & Awards

- Ranked in Chambers USA High Net Worth, 2017-2026
    - Private Wealth Law in Iowa
- Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers list, 2007, 2009-2020, 2022-2026
- Included in the Best Lawyers in America® list, 2027
    - Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law
    - Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
    - Tax Law
    - Trusts and Estates
    - Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
    - Agriculture Law
- AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell®

News & Events

2026

- Scott Boggus Listed in 2026 Best Lawyers in America® list
- Scott Bogguss Recognized in 2026 Chambers High Net Worth Guide
- Scott Bogguss Listed in 2026 Great Plains Super Lawyers

Archive

- Scott Boggus Listed in 2026 Best Lawyers in America® list
- Scott Bogguss Listed in 2025 Great Plains Super Lawyers
- Scott Bogguss Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2025
- Scott Bogguss Included in Chambers USA High Net Worth 2024
- Scott Bogguss Listed in 2024 Great Plains Super Lawyers
- Scott Bogguss Makes 7th Appearance in Chambers HNW Guide
- Bogguss Reflects on Half a Century of Service