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Practice Areas

- [Estate Planning and Private Wealth](#)
- [Agriculture Law](#)
- [Business Transactions and Counseling](#)
- [Tax Law](#)
- [Philanthropy and Non-Profit Law](#)
- [Real Estate Law](#)
- [Probate, Estate and Trust Litigation](#)

Biography

Ms. Hartley is a transactional attorney focusing primarily on [estate planning and private wealth](#), [agriculture law](#), [business transactions](#), [tax law](#), [non-profit entities](#), [estate administration](#), and [real estate law](#).

Raised in rural central Iowa and from an agriculture background, she is passionate about the agriculture industry. Ms. Hartley understands the pride and investment rural Iowans pour into their operations and can assist clients in a wide range of areas.

Bar Admission

- State of Iowa

Education

- Drake University Law School, JD, with high honors, 2023

- Iowa State University, BS, *magna cum laude*, Agricultural Business, 2020

Professional & Community Affiliations

Professional Memberships

- Linn County Bar Association
- Linn Law Club
 - Treasurer, 2024-2026
- Iowa State Bar Association
- American Agricultural Law Association (AALA)
- Cedar Rapids Area Estate Planning Council
 - Director of Attorney Discipline Board, 2024-2025
 - Secretary, 2025-2026

Community Involvement

- Kirkwood Community College Foundation Advisory Board

Presentations & Publications

Presentations

- Employee Estate Planning Session, Kirkwood Community College, 11/18/25
- “Beyond the Will: The Importance of Proper Beneficiary Designations,” NAIFA Eastern Iowa Annual Pro Day, 04/29/25
- “2025 Tax and Estate Planning Update,” Firm CLE, 10/28/25
- “Corporate Transparency Act (CTA)” at the ISBA Bloethe Tax School, 12/5/2024
- “Corporate Transparency Act (CTA)” for the Iowa Academy of Trust and Estate Counsel, 11/8/2024
- “Corporate Transparency Act (CTA)” for the Iowa Trust Association, 10/1/2024
- “Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) and Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act (RULLCA)” at *Planning for Success*, 9/26/2024
- “The Corporate Transparency Act” at the Association of Corporate Counsel Forum, 6/7/2024
- “The Corporate Transparency Act” for the Washington Economic Development Group, 6/13/2024

Publications

- *Access Denied: The Dangers of Ransomware’s Unchecked Attack on the Agriculture Industry*, 27 Drake J. Agric. L. 457 (2022)
- *Expanding the Drake Journal of Agricultural Law: The Green Issue*, 1 The Green Issue: Drake J. Agric. L. 114 (2023) (co-authored with Karen Wallace and Cheyanne Lepird)

Additionally

- Editor-in-Chief, *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law* (2022–2023)

Honors & Awards

- Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2026 “Ones to Watch”
 - Real Estate Law
 - Tax Law
 - Trusts and Estates

News & Events

- [Madeline Hartley Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2026 “Ones to Watch”](#)
- [Porter and Hartley to Present at ACC Corporate Counsel Forum](#)
- [Madeline Hartley Set to Present on the Corporate Transparency Act](#)