

Randal J. Scholer

Member

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Practice Areas

- Business Transactions and Counseling
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Divestitures
- Real Estate Law
- Municipal Law
- Estate Planning and Private Wealth

Biography

Randy Scholer represents a diverse group of clients on matters relating to business transactions and counseling, mergers, acquisitions, real estate development, municipal law, wealth transfers, and trusts and estates. Randy efficiently and effectively serves his clients by developing practical solutions to legal and business matters. He has led complex transactions, served on the firm's board of directors and guided the negotiations and merger of Simmons Perrine P.L.C. and Moyer & Bergman, PLC.

Randy has been recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" in Cedar Rapids by Best Lawyers® ten times: Land Use and Zoning Law (2015 & 2024); Mergers and Acquisitions (2017 & 2023); Closely Held Companies and Family Business Law (2019, 2022 & 2026); Business Organizations (2018 & 2021); and Corporate Law (2015). He has been designated by Chambers USA® as one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business in the Corporate Mergers and Acquisitions practice. Mr. Scholer is recognized as a Great Plains Super Lawyer and holds an AV Preeminent rating for legal ethics and ability with Martindale-Hubbell®.

Business Transactions and Counseling. Randy assists his clients with business transactions and operational matters, often serving in the role as general counsel. He has negotiated and finalized disputes amongst business owners and divided businesses amongst owners who no longer desire to do business together.

Mergers and Acquisitions. Randy leads mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and reorganizations for his clients in a wide range of industries. His involvement in these transactions includes strategically negotiating the transaction, due diligence investigation, document drafting and finalization, coordination of the closing and addressing post-closing issues and liabilities.

Real Estate. Randy represents real estate developers and clients with land use and regulation issues, such as development, annexation, zoning, subdivision and building code issues.

Municipal Law. Randy serves as City Attorney, providing advice on the issues and operations that face city councils, administrative boards and commissions. He also assists businesses and individuals with city, county and state governmental issues.

Wealth Transfer, Trusts and Estates. Randy assists his clients in the areas of wealth preservation, estate and tax planning and succession planning for closely-held businesses.

Bar Admission

- State of Iowa

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, JD, with distinction
    - Editor, Moot Court Board
- University of Iowa, BBA

Representative Transactions

- EVO Transportation & Energy Services Acquires West Side Transport
- CRST Acquires BCB Transport
- R/B Sales Corporation Joins Forward Solutions
- Savant Wealth Management Acquires World Trend Financial and Terry Lockridge & Dunn
- CRST International, Inc. Acquires NAL Group
- Forward Air Corporation Acquires Linn Star “LSHI” for $57.2 Million
- CEC Acquires Sound Services Inc. of Milwaukee
- Hillcrest Holdings Acquires Southgate Companies
- Wendling Quarries, Inc. Purchases Iowa Assets of Coots Materials Company (CMC)

Professional Affiliations

- **Professional Memberships**
    - American Bar Association – Business Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Section
    - Iowa State Bar Association
        - Business Law Section
        - Corporate Counsel Section
        - Taxation Section
    - Fellow, Iowa State Bar Foundation
    - Linn County Bar Association
        - Former Board of Governors
    - Iowa Municipal Attorneys Association

Honors & Awards

Chambers USA (2010–2026)

- Designated as a Leading Lawyer in Mergers & Acquisitions

Legal 500 US

- Designated as Iowa Elite Lawyer for Corporate and M&A, 2026

Martindale-Hubbell®

- AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell®

Best Lawyers® “Lawyer of the Year” in Cedar Rapids

- 2026, 2019, 2022 – Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law
- 2018, 2021, 2025 – Business Organizations (Including LLCs & Partnerships)
- 2015, 2024 – Land Use and Zoning Law
- 2017, 2023 – Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2027

- Business Organizations (Including LLCs & Partnerships)
- Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law
- Corporate Law
- Land Use and Zoning Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Real Estate Law
- Trusts and Estates

Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers list, 2014–2020, 2022–2025

News & Events

2026

- Randy Scholer Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2027
- Randy Scholer Makes Chambers USA 2026 List
- Randy Scholer Has Been Named “Lawyer of the Year” in Cedar Rapids for Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law by America® 2026

Archive

- Randy Scholer Listed in 2025 Great Plains Super Lawyers
- EVO Transportation & Energy Services Acquires West Side Transport
- Randy Scholer Recognized by Best Lawyers® as 2025 “Lawyer of the Year”
- Randy Scholer Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2025
- Randy Scholer Makes Chambers USA 2024 List
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- Randy Scholer Included in Best Lawyers in America® 2023
- Randy Scholer Listed in 2022 Great Plains Super Lawyers
- Randy Scholer Listed in Chambers USA 2022
- Eleven SPMB Attorneys Named “Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers® 2022
- SPMB Listed in Chambers USA 2021
- Best Lawyers In America Recognizes 37 SPMB Attorneys
- 2020 Great Plains Super Lawyers Announced
- CRST International, Inc. Acquires NAL Group
- Chambers USA 2020 List Announced

- Forward Air Corporation Acquires Linn Star “LSHI” for $57.2 Million