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Practice Areas

- [Trade Restrictions](#)
- [Business and Commercial Litigation](#)
- [Probate, Estate and Trust Litigation](#)
- [Securities Litigation](#)
- [Intellectual Property Litigation](#)
- [Trial and Appellate Advocacy](#)

Biography

Steve Holtman has been a cornerstone of Simmons Perrine PLC since 1973, bringing more than five decades of legal experience to the firm's litigation practice. A nationally respected attorney, Steve has built a legacy of excellence in [commercial and business litigation](#), representing clients in complex civil matters involving breach of contract, business torts, [intellectual property](#), and securities.

Throughout his career, Steve has litigated cases in state and federal courts across 25 states and has argued before nine of the 12 United States Courts of Appeals, as well as the Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation. His courtroom presence and strategic insight have earned him a reputation as a formidable advocate and trusted advisor.

Steve began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Donald P. Lay of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. His legal education was briefly paused from 1968 to 1970 when he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War—an experience that shaped his resilience and commitment to service.

In addition to his litigation practice, Steve has been a frequent presenter at continuing legal education seminars, including the American Bar Association Annual Meeting. He has also contributed to the legal profession through active involvement in the Iowa Bar Association, including serving as Chair of the Antitrust and Trade Regulation Committee.

Bar Admission

- State of Iowa, 1972

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, JD, with distinction, 1972
- University of Iowa, BS, 1967

Professional Affiliations

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- Iowa State Bar Association
 - Fellow, Iowa State Bar Foundation
 - Former Member, Litigation Section
 - Former Member, Trade Regulation Section (Chairman, 1987–1990)
 - Former Member, Federal Practice Committee (1979, 1991–1994, 2016–2018)
 - Former Member, Iowa Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Civil Procedure
- Linn County Bar Association
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Former Advocate, American Board of Trial Advocates
- American Law Institute
 - Advisor, Restatement (Third) of Torts, Apportionment of Liability
- American Arbitration Association
 - Arbitrator, 1975–2023
- Former Member, Iowa Defense Counsel Association

Honors & Awards

- Included in Best Lawyers® “Lawyer of the Year” list in Cedar Rapids
 - Litigation – Securities, 2025
 - Litigation – Trusts and Estates, 2023
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2013, 2019
- Included in the Best Lawyers in America® list, 2026
 - Antitrust Law, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Antitrust, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Securities, Litigation – Trusts and Estates, Antitrust Law
- Included in Super Lawyers Top Ten Attorneys for the State of Iowa list
 - 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019
- Included in Great Plains Super Lawyers list, 2007, 2009-2025
 - Business Litigation
- Ranked in Chambers USA, 2010-2025

News & Events

2025

- [Steve Holtman Included in Best Lawyers in America®](#)
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