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Services & Industries

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- Finance & Restructuring
 - Bankruptcy & Restructuring
 - Commercial Lending & Finance
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- Financial Services
 - Banking & Finance
- Food & Agriculture
 - Agricultural Finance
- Insurance
 - Life Insurance Companies

Michael B. Abbott

Partner

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Mike Abbott focuses his practice on corporate and finance law for clients ranging from startups and emerging growth clients to Fortune 500 companies. He is regularly involved in advising companies on strategic transactions and governance matters, including M&A, joint venture and capital transactions. Mike works with clients in a number of industries, including financial services, insurance, food and agriculture, among others. Mike is a member of the firm's national food and agriculture industry steering committee and serves as the leader for the industry team's corporate practice area.

Mergers & Acquisitions

Mike has represented buyers, sellers and institutional investors in many different types of M&A transactions. He recently represented:

- NASCAR in its purchase of the Iowa Speedway
- A technology company in its sale to a private equity buyer
- A strategic buyer in the stock acquisition of an outdoor apparel and accessories company
- A private equity buyer in a distressed asset acquisition of a manufacturing company
- A transportation company in its asset sale to a strategic buyer
- A global media company in its stock acquisition of a magazine and Web company
- A manufacturing company in its asset sale to a strategic buyer
- A strategic buyer in a leveraged buyout of a services company
- A financial services company in the sale of its investment bank

Finance and Restructuring

Mike provides integrated and strategic legal counsel on the full range of financial matters, including complex financial transactions and corporate debt restructurings. Recent transactions include representation of:

- A lender in the workout of a significant distressed credit
- An international corporate borrower in the negotiation and structuring of a \$100 million syndicated credit facility secured primarily with intellectual property assets
- A national convenience store chain in the negotiation and structuring of a \$250 million syndicated credit facility
- A the agent and arranger in a \$75 million club credit facility
- A distressed manufacturing company in the restructuring of its operations
- A quasi-municipal entity in the restructuring of its public debt obligations
- A bank holding company in a complex restructuring and reverse stock split

- Manufacturing & Industrials
- Regulatory
 - Financial Institutions Regulation
- Sports & Entertainment
 - Print Media

Education

University of Iowa College of Law

J.D., with high distinction, Order of the Coif, *Journal of Corporation Law* (articles editor) (2005)

University of Iowa Tippie School of Management
M.B.A., Beta Gamma Sigma (2005)

Iowa State University
B.S., Finance, with distinction, (top 2% of graduating class), graduate of University Honors Program, Cardinal Key (2000)

Bar Admissions

Iowa

Minnesota

- Various lenders and borrowers in restructurings and workouts

Emerging Companies, Private Equity and Venture Capital

Mike represents entrepreneurs, fast-growth companies and their investors at all stages of an enterprise's life. Recent transactions include representation of:

- An emerging company issuer in its first round accredited offering of common stock
- A bio-tech company in several issuances of convertible debt and warrants
- A lead limited partner in the formation of a new private equity fund
- A private equity fund on its formation, management structure, and portfolio investments
- A startup Web-based consumer financial services company on its formation and several rounds of equity investments and provided general corporate advice and development and negotiation of partnership agreements

General Corporate Counseling

Mike is regularly involved in advising companies on general corporate matters, including corporate governance, contract preparation and negotiation, financing issues, restructurings, and ongoing strategic, transactional and regulatory matters.

Honors

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* — 2015; Up and Coming, 2014
- *Corporate INTL Global Awards*— Iowa M&A Attorney of the Year, 2014
- *Great Plains Super Lawyers* — Securities and Corporate Finance, Mergers & Acquisitions, Banking, 2013-15
- *The Best Lawyers in America* — Financial Services Regulation Law, 2012-16; Business Organizations, Corporate Law 2015-16 (Des Moines Financial Services Regulation Law Lawyer of the Year, 2015)
- Des Moines *Business Record* — Forty Under 40, 2012

Professional Organizations

- Iowa State Bar Association
- Polk County Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Civic Activities

- Volunteer Lawyers Network
- United Way of Central Iowa — Income Cabinet Member
- Greater YMCA Camp — Board Member

Clerkships

- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Iowa, Hon. Paul J. Kilburg, 2005

Presentations

- Mike is a guest lecturer at Drake University, where he speaks on turnarounds and restructurings to MBA students
- **Attracting Capital: What is the Current Environment?**
The Entrepreneurship Institute: Chicago President's Symposium, October 4, 2012

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- **A Swing and a Miss: U.S. Supreme Court's Attempt to Resolve the Confusion Over the Proper Evidentiary Burden for Employment Discrimination Litigation in *Costa v. Desert Palace***
30 J. Corp. L. 573, 2005

Published Articles

- **Buying, Selling Ethanol Facilities**
Co-author, *Ethanol Producer Magazine*, November 2013



Laura B. Latham

Associate

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Laura Latham is a member of the firm's corporate group. She focuses her practice on mergers and acquisitions, securities regulation and capital markets transactions, finance, and corporate counseling and entity formation.

Mergers and Acquisitions

Laura represents financial and strategic buyers and sellers in a variety of M&A transactions. Recent experience includes:

- Representation of NASCAR in its purchase of the Iowa Speedway
- Representation of a strategic buyer in the stock acquisition of a software company

Securities Regulation and Capital Markets Transactions

Laura advises public companies on SEC reporting requirements and disclosure issues. She also has experience in public and private securities offerings.

Finance

Laura assists clients in drafting documentation for private financing transactions.

Corporate Counseling and Entity Formation

Laura advises companies on a wide range of general corporate matters, including corporate governance, contract preparation and commercial law. Laura also has extensive experience in the formation and start up of Iowa business entities, including corporations, limited liability companies and nonprofit corporations.

During law school, Laura served as a judicial extern to the Honorable David Danilson of the Iowa Court of Appeals and the Honorable Edward Mansfield of the Iowa Court of Appeals, now Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court.

Pro Bono

Laura regularly provides pro bono services to local nonprofit corporations on corporate governance and entity formation issues.

Honors

- University of Iowa College of Law — Graduated first in class

Professional Organizations

- Iowa State Bar Association
- Polk County Bar Association

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 - Public Companies

Education

University of Iowa College of Law

J.D., first in class, with highest distinction, Order of the Coif, *Iowa Law Review* (managing editor) (2012)

University of Iowa Tippie College of Business
B.B.A. Finance, first in class, with highest distinction (2009)

Bar Admissions

Iowa



Amy C. Seidel

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 - Medical Technology
- Food & Agriculture
- Manufacturing & Industrials
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 - Corporate Governance
 - Public Companies
- Retail

Education

University of Minnesota Law School

J.D., cum laude, *Minnesota Journal of Global Trade* (managing editor) (1998)

Gustavus Adolphus College
B.A., Dean's List, magna cum

Amy Seidel's practice involves advising public companies on SEC reporting requirements, stock exchange listing standards, executive compensation issues, disclosure issues and general corporate governance matters. She also has experience in many areas of corporate representation, including public and private securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions and general corporate counseling.

Amy has authored several articles on a variety of securities law and corporate governance matters. She also speaks regularly at CLEs, bar association seminars and other community events. Amy is on the Advisory Board of thecorporatetraining.net. Amy has been named in *Chambers USA* among America's Leading Lawyers for Business (Corporate/M&A) each year since 2006.

Representative Clients and Transactions

Representation of public companies, such as Ameriprise Financial, Inc., AV Homes, Inc., Bemis Company, Black Hills Corporation, Capella Education Company, Digi International Inc., Graco Inc., Hormel Foods Corporation, Polaris Industries Inc., Regis Corporation, StarTek, Inc., Target Corporation, Tennant Company, Travelers Companies, Inc., United Stationers, Inc. and Xcel Energy, Inc. in general corporate matters, SEC reporting and compliance and executive compensation.

- Representation of Target Corporation in its successful defense of a proxy contest waged by Pershing Square Capital
- Representation of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. in public offering of debt securities
- Representation of Bemis Company in 144A offering of debt securities and exchange offer
- Representation of Life Time Fitness, Inc. in its initial public offering and listing on the New York Stock Exchange
- Representation of private companies, including CVRx, Inc., Jasc Software, Inc. and NextNet Wireless, Inc. in general corporate matters and private financings
- Representation of Abbott Laboratories, Boston Scientific Corporation, Cargill, Incorporated and General Mills, Inc. in strategic investment transactions

Amy regularly provides pro bono legal assistance to Milestone Growth Fund, Inc., a venture capital firm that invests in minority-owned businesses. Amy is on the board of advisors of the University of Minnesota Law School, where she has also served as an adjunct professor.

Amy received her J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1998 and was admitted to the Minnesota Bar that same year. She was a managing editor of the *Minnesota Journal of Global Trade*. Amy graduated magna cum laude from Gustavus Adolphus College, where she received a B.A. in finance and a minor in political science. Amy is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society.

Honors

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* — Corporate/M&A, 2006-



laude, Phi Beta Kappa (1995)

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Bar Admissions
Minnesota

- *The Best Lawyers in America* — Corporate Law and Securities/Capital Markets Law, 2013-16 (Minnesota Securities/Capital Markets Lawyer of the Year, 2015)
- *Finance & Commerce* — Top Woman in Finance, 2010
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers* — Securities & Corporate Finance, 2007-15
- *Minnesota Law & Politics* — Listed Among the Top 100 Women Minnesota Super Lawyers, 2008
- *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal* — Forty Under 40, 2008
- *Minnesota Lawyer* — Up and Coming Lawyer, 2003