

# Andrea Hardesty Associate

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Associate Attorney Andrea Hardesty is passionate about guiding clients through complex family and estate planning legal matters with compassion and strategic advocacy. Having been adopted herself, Andrea understands firsthand the profound impact legal decisions can have on individuals and families.

Andrea earned her Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration from Drake University Law School, where she was recognized for academic excellence with the CALI Award for Excellence in Estate Planning and the K.M. Waggoner Peer Mentor Award. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, concentrating in Legal Studies, from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She also served as an Adjunct Professor of Business Law at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, helping students connect legal principles to real-world scenarios.

Licensed to practice in Nebraska and Iowa, Andrea's experience includes probate, family law, and civil litigation. With a deep commitment to families and individuals in need of trusted legal counsel, Andrea approaches each case with empathy, insight, and a steadfast client-centered perspective.

### **Education:**

Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA

- Iuris Doctorate
- Master of Business Administration

University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE

• Bachelor of Science: Business Administration, Concentration: Legal Studies

#### **Bar Admissions:**

State: Nebraska & Iowa

#### **Prior Experience:**

Goosmann Law Firm, Omaha, NE

# Associate Attorney, Mar. 2025-Current

- Advocates for clients by providing legal guidance on divorce, custody, guardianships, adoptions, wills, and trusts.
- Drafts and reviews legal documents, including pleadings, agreements, and estate planning instruments, ensuring accuracy and compliance with state laws.



• Supports clients through complex legal processes while developing strategic solutions tailored to their needs.

# McGill Law, P.C., L.L.O., Omaha, NE

# Associate Attorney, May 2024 - Mar. 2025

- Draft pleadings and briefs related to probate and family law matters
- Advocate for clients before the county and district courts
- Engage with potential clients to determine legal issues and validity of case

## University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE

# Adjunct Professor of Business Law, 2024 Spring Semester

- Communicate with students in a timely and efficient manner
- Organize class activities and lesson plans
- Relate legal concepts to real life scenarios

## Johnson and Pekny, L.L.C., Omaha, NE

# Associate Attorney, Sep. 2022 - May

# Law Clerk, Jun. 2021 - Sept. 2022

- Draft pleadings and briefs related to probate, bankruptcy, criminal, juvenile, family, and various civil matters
- Advocate for clients before the county, district, and juvenile courts

#### **Achievements:**

- Drake University Law School
  - o Dean's List, CALI Award for Excellence in Estate Planning
  - o K.M. Waggoner Peer Mentor Award
  - Student Bar Association Student Service Award
  - Student Bar Association 3L of the Year

#### **Associations:**

- Omaha Chamber of Commerce Young Professional
- 2024-2025 NSBA Leadership Academy Class
- 2024-2025 UNO Young Alumni Academy Class

## **Community Involvement:**

- CASA and Girls Inc. Volunteer
- Immigrant Legal Center & Refugee Empowerment Center Home Setup Volunteer
- Des Moines Young Women's Resource Center
- Lutheran Family Services
- Mark S. Cady Day of Public Service: Powers of Attorney and Living Will Clinic

