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Chris is a tax-focused estate planning and business transactions attorney who helps individuals, families, and business owners protect what matters most through thoughtful, strategic planning. His work includes personalized estate plans, revocable and irrevocable trusts, wills, probate administration, business succession planning, and tax-efficient wealth transfer strategies designed to minimize burdens and provide long-term peace of mind. With a strong business background, Chris delivers practical, proactive legal solutions that align with both operational realities and long-term goals.

Chris developed his sophisticated tax expertise as a Mergers & Acquisitions Tax professional at KPMG in Dallas. There, he advised on complex domestic and cross-border U.S. federal income tax matters, including due diligence, transaction structuring, exit planning, corporate and bankruptcy restructurings, S-corporation compliance, tax modeling, and partnership tax. He worked on transactions ranging from \$100 million to \$2 billion and collaborated with KPMG's M&A Tax Technology team to develop GenAI tools, earning two firmwide innovation awards. This experience informs his ability to craft creative, efficient strategies for business, estate, and gift tax planning.

Before law school, Chris built a diverse professional foundation—managing operations for a neuromuscular exoskeleton startup, overseeing oil well sites in North Dakota, and teaching English abroad in Slovakia and Russia. He now lives in the Sioux City area with his wife, Nichole, and recently took up golf—welcoming any tips to improve his game.

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### **Education:**

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL

- L.L.M in Taxation

Creighton University School of Law, Omaha, NE

- Juris Doctor

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE

- B.S. in Criminal Justice, Minor in Psychology

## **Bar Admissions:**

- State: Iowa & Nebraska

## **Experience:**

Goosmann Law Firm, Omaha, NE

**Associate Attorney, Sep. 2025 – Current**

KPMG, Dallas, TX

**Associate Attorney, Jun. 2023 – Sep. 2025**

- Domestic and Cross-Border U.S. Federal Income Tax: Buy-side and sell-side tax due diligence and transaction structuring for mergers & acquisitions; corporate group restructuring; bankruptcy restructuring and debt analysis; tax memo drafting; tax attribute calculations and Excel modeling; partnership tax Excel modeling.
- Develop and integrate GenAI tools with the KPMG M&A Tax Technology team.
- Winner of the firmwide M&A Tax GenAI Challenge for creating GenAI personas.

Multiple Law Firms, Omaha, NE; Kearney, NE

**Law Clerk, May 2020, Jul. 2021**

- Organized and presented a 6,500+ document litigation file to a newly hired law firm.
- Drafted pleadings, motions, and discovery responses and requests.
- Drafted briefs and memorandums regarding applicable state law claims.
- Reviewed, interpreted, and revised purchase and sale agreements for high-value assets.
- Drafted and streamlined business organization applications for the Nebraska Secretary of State.

Nelnet, Inc., Lincoln, NE

**Team Captain, Customer Service and School Service Representative, Nov. 2017 – Aug. 2019**

- Worked well with difficult borrowers in frustrating circumstances.
- Clearly explained complex student loan concepts to laypeople.

BTF (Bakken Three Forks) Petroleum Services Ltd., Williston, ND

**Flow Tester/Well Site Manager, Jul. 2017 – Nov. 2017**

- Managed newly drilled well sites with up to eight oil wells, producing up to \$10,000 worth of oil per minute.
- Documented and reported on oil and natural gas production.
- Managed oil, brine, and natural gas production and storage by coordinating shipping off-site via pipelines and trucks.

Protonics Neuromuscular Systems, Lincoln, NE

**Operations Manager, Apr. 2016 – Mar. 2017**

- Raised \$250,000 from investors for company launch.
- Developed, built, and tested neuromuscular exoskeletons.
- Managed shipping, receiving, inventory, and accounting.

Language Link, Prievidza, Slovakia; St. Petersburg, Russia

**English Teacher, Jul. 2014 – Jun. 2015**

- Certified by Cambridge University's CELTA program from April 2014 – May 2014.
- Developed the ability to communicate complex information and grammatical structures in a simple and digestible manner.

**Community Involvement:**

- American Bar Association, Section of Taxation
- Citylight Church Volunteer and Sunday School Teacher
- Mission Trip: Southeast Asia.
- Boy Scouts of America: Eagle Scout; Assistant Scoutmaster