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Kirk S. Blecha, Esq.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Attorney Kirk Blecha has nearly 40 years of experience as a commercial litigator with Baird Holm in Omaha, Nebraska. His law practice has included the litigation, mediation and arbitration of commercial and employment cases as well as complex civil litigation.



Kirk is available to assist with arbitrating a variety of disputes throughout Nebraska, including employment, business, contract, insurance, real estate, construction and other matters. He is well acquainted with many judges and lawyers throughout Nebraska and Iowa.

EDUCATION

- J.D., *With Distinction*, University of Nebraska College of Law, 1974
- B.A., University of Nebraska at Lincoln, 1970

ADMISSIONS

- United States Supreme Court, 2004
- Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1990
- Iowa, 1975
- Nebraska, 1974

MEMBERSHIPS & CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Nebraska State Bar Association
- Iowa State Bar Association
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Fellow, Nebraska Bar Foundation
- Heartland Chapter of the American Red Cross



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- Fellow, American Bar Foundation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Of counsel, Baird Holm, 2015;
- Attorney and Partner, Baird Holm, 1976 to 2014;
- Judicial Clerk, Honorable William C. Stuart, United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, 1974 – 1976;
- Judicial Clerk, Honorable Paul White, Chief Justice, Nebraska Supreme Court, 1973-1974

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- Member of the *2012 BTI Client All-Stars Team* for his exceptional client service
- *The Best Lawyers in America®* in the field of Commercial Litigation since 2003
- *Great Plains Super Lawyers* (© 2013)
- *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business* (© 2013)

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Obtaining arbitration award in excess of \$8.5 million in contract action involving transfer of business
- Obtaining arbitration award in excess of \$1.6 million in employment related stock option case
- Successfully defending health care provider charged with improperly billing Medicaid over \$200,000
- Successfully defending employer in federal jury trial against claim of age and disability discrimination
- Successfully defending manufacturer in federal jury trial against claim of breach of contract in sale of manufactured housing
- Settling state class action for defendant charged with breach of warranty in sale of hardboard siding
- Settling federal class action for defendant charged with racial discrimination and fraud in sale of product
- Successfully representing architect in arbitration involving break up of closely-held corporation
- Successfully representing owner representative in complex litigation against school district
- Successful trials and appeals in business and commercial litigation, including covenants not to compete, wrongful termination, and workers' compensation cases
- Successful trials of complex health law issues