

Katie Cownie

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KATIE ASSISTS CLIENTS WITH MANY ONGOING BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW ISSUES.

Katie has worked on business and corporate issues for more than 20 years. Many of the clients she works with are involved in healthcare in some fashion. Her clients include long-term care facilities, hospitals, mental health providers, physicians, and dentists.

In addition to Katie's healthcare expertise, she has spent many years working with clients in the renewable fuels area. She provides representation related to entity organization, contracting, and raising capital.

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Member of the American Health Lawyers Association and the Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys.
- Current Board Member of the Rotary Club of Des Moines.
- Current Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Iowa Environmental Council.
- Current Member of the Trees Forever: Growing Green Futures Advisory Committee.
- Incoming Co-Chair of the St. Augustin Home and School Association.

Accolades

- *Great Plains Super Lawyers*®, 2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Health Care Law, 2016-2025
- Best Lawyers Des Moines Healthcare Law "Lawyer of the Year", 2019
- Recognized as a U.S. News and World Report Best Lawyer in Healthcare, 2016
- Selected as one of the Business Record's Forty under 40, 2012

Select Presentations

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law (J.D., 1999)
 - Editor, Journal of Gender, Race and Justice
 - Member of the Client Counseling Board
 - Comparative Law Program, Arcachon, France
- Chaminade University of Honolulu (B.A., 1996)
 - *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Iowa

- “Tenant Rights and Occupancy Agreements,” Iowa Health Care Association Assisted Living Management Certificate Program, April 21, 2025.
- “CMS Mid-Cycle Revalidations: Are You Ready?” Iowa Health Care Association, April 3, 2025.
- “Distress in Long Term Care,” American Health Law Association Long Term and Post-Acute Care Law and Compliance, February 5, 2025.
- “LeadingAge Iowa Spring Conference: Legal Updates for Aging Services,” Leading Age Iowa Spring Conference, May 4, 2023.
- “Legal Issues for Hospital Physician Leaders: An Overview of the Law & Discussion with Health Lawyers in the Trenches,” Iowa Hospital Association, April 11, 2023.
- “Hospital Transactions and Strategic Development”, Iowa Hospital Association Governance Series, November 15, 2022.
- “Legal Updates for Aging Services”, LeadingAge Iowa Spring Conference, May 5, 2022.
- “Legal Updates for Long-Term Care Providers in Iowa”, LeadingAge Iowa Fall Conference, September 15, 2021.
- “Legal Updates for Aging Services” LeadingAge Iowa 2021 Spring Conference, May 4, 2021.
- “Medicaid Transitions from FFS to MCO” Iowa Dental Association, April 19, 2021.

Dorsey Health Law

June 2, 2023

Iowa Governor Signs Legislation Impacting Iowa’s Long-Term-Care Industry

February 10, 2021

Nursing Facilities and CMPs: The Latest Fight