



SIMMONS PERRINE  
MOYER BERGMAN PLC

*A century of service.*

# *Dear Friends,*

2016 marks the 100th Anniversary for Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC. We thank our clients, attorneys, and staff for helping us achieve 100 years of successful service to our clients and community.

In this book, you will find some snapshots of our growth from a solo practice to one of the largest law firms in Iowa. We have almost 60 attorneys practicing in nearly all fields of law and continue our commitment to provide the highest level of service to our clients.

As we celebrate our first century, we want to thank our clients and friends who have supported us and allowed us to represent them over the years. We appreciate your trust and confidence and we are committed to excellent service and representation in the future.

Sincerely,

*Roger Stone*



ROGER STONE  
Chair, Board of Directors

# A Walk Through Time

From humble beginnings 100 years ago, Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC has grown to a major Midwest law firm.



James Trewin

Founder, James Trewin started practicing law in Lansing, Iowa in 1889. In 1893, he was elected from Allamakee County to the Iowa House of Representatives and then the Iowa Senate. Senator Trewin was one of the leading candidates for nomination for Governor before he moved to Cedar Rapids in 1902.

James Trewin joined his son and Haven Simmons in forming Trewin, Simmons & Trewin in 1916. Twenty-five years later, University of Michigan graduate, Beahl Perrine and University of Iowa graduate, Justin (Doc) Albright joined the firm. In 1944, Bill Ellwood joined to form Simmons, Perrine, Albright & Ellwood.

After WWII, Bill Bergman opened his law practice at a table in a colleague's law library in 1952. Clinton Moyer partnered with Bill in 1961. Moyer & Bergman quickly grew to be a full-service law firm with 21 attorneys, handling many complex legal and business matters.

As specialization within the practice of law became more prevalent, combining two law firms with well-established practices and reputations provided good opportunities and better service for clients. In January of 2009, the firms became one—Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC.

## 1910s

- **1916**, James Trewin joins his son and Haven Simmons to create Trewin, Simmons & Trewin.



Haven Simmons

- **1917**, The United States enters World War I.

## WWI

- **1919**, Howard Hall and John Jay purchase a foundry. They rename it Iowa Steel and Iron Works, which later becomes Iowa Manufacturing.



Iowa Steel and Iron Works  
Photo Courtesy of Brucemore, Inc.

## 1920s

- **1925-1926**, The Merchants National Bank Building (now U.S. Bank Building) is constructed.



US Bank Building

- **1929**, Doc Albright helps nail the bleachers at Iowa Stadium with lumber from his family's lumber yard. It is later named Kinnick Stadium after 1939 Heisman Trophy winner, Nile Kinnick.

## 1930s

- **1933**, Arthur Collins starts Collins Radio Company with eight employees. In 1973, it becomes part of Rockwell Collins.

- **1937**, Beahl and Irene Perrine live on the grounds of the Brucemore complex. Beahl's sister, Margaret, and her husband, Howard Hall, occupy the mansion from 1937 until 1981. Following Margaret's death, Beahl and Darrel Morf shepherd the property into the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



Brucemore Mansion  
Photo Courtesy of Brucemore, Inc.

## 1940s

- **1941**, John Carpenter serves in World War II. In 1951, he joins the firm and grows a vibrant labor and employment practice in eastern Iowa.



John Carpenter



- **1942**, Beahl Perrine and Doc Albright join the firm to form Trewin, Simmons, Perrine & Albright.



*Beahl Perrine*

- **1944**, Bill Ellwood, formerly of the FBI, joins the firm to form Simmons, Perrine, Albright, Ellwood & Neff.



*(L to R:) Bill Ellwood and Doc Albright*

## 1950s

- **1952**, Jim Snyder serves during the Korean War. He joins the firm in 1957 and becomes one of Iowa's foremost medical malpractice litigators.



*Jim Snyder*

- **1952**, Bob Tilden joins the firm and establishes himself as one of the premier litigators in the state. His good friend, Chief Judge Donald Lay, guides several of his clerks to the firm.



*Bob Tilden*

- **1952**, Bill Bergman opens a law practice at solo practitioner's law library table.



*Bill Bergman*

- **1953**, The Hall Foundation (now Hall-Perrine Foundation) is incorporated. Board members include Howard Hall and wife, Margaret Hall, Margaret Lamey Hall, Beahl Perrine and wife, Irene Hall Perrine.



- **1955**, Herald and Miriam Smith start Cedar Rapids Steel Transport out of a refurbished chicken coop. Shortly thereafter, Bill Bergman begins representing their business. Today, CRST International is one of the largest transportation companies in the nation.



*Photo Courtesy of CRST*

## 1960s

- **1961**, Former Iowa Public Safety Commissioner, Clint Moyer, partners with Bill Bergman to form Moyer & Bergman.



*Clint Moyer*

- **1965**, Moyer & Bergman moves to the newly built Commerce Exchange Building on 1st Avenue.

- **1966-1970**, Larry Gutz, Steve Holtman, Scott Bogguss, and Dave Kubicek serve during the Vietnam War.



*Larry Gutz*



*Steve Holtman*



*Scott Bogguss*



*Dave Kubicek*

## 1970s

- **1970**, Bill Bergman co-founds Keystone Resort in Colorado.



*The William Bergman Family*

- **1972**, The Clean Water Act is a contributing factor in leading the firm's efforts to build a strong reputation in construction and environmental matters.

- **1974**, The Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) is enacted. The firm's lawyers create qualified plans for businesses large and small.

# 1980s

- **1980**, Deregulation of the telecommunications and trucking industries. Teleconnect forms and trucking companies expand.
- **1981**, Iris Muchmore becomes the firm's first female partner. In 1989, she becomes the first female president of the Linn County Bar Association.



Iris Muchmore

- **1987**, DNA is first used in a criminal case in the U.S. Mark Roberts later refutes DNA evidence to earn an acquittal of a man accused of murder in the 1990s.



Mark Roberts

# 1990s

- **1990**, Phil Burian serves in the first Persian Gulf War with the United States Army.



Phil Burian

- **1990**, Iowa adopts the Uniform Trade Secrets Act. The firm obtains the first judgment protecting intellectual property under the act.

- **1992**, Eric Lam publishes, *Bankruptcy in Iowa*; supplemented with Abbe Stensland in 2012.



Eric Lam

Abbe Stensland

- **1996**, Attorney General Tom Miller appoints Roger Stone and Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC to serve as Special Counsel to represent the State against the tobacco industry. Roger argues the case in the Iowa Supreme Court. In 1998, Attorney General Miller announces the largest recovery in the State's history of nearly \$2 billion against the tobacco industry.



Roger Stone

- **1998**, Firststar Bank (now U.S. Bank) in-house counsel, Lynn Hartman, joins the firm to build a successful banking practice.



Lynn Hartman

- **1998**, Kathleen Kleiman, former General Counsel and Vice President of De La Rue Systems Americas, joins the firm and helps build a successful business practice.



Kathleen Kleiman

# 2000s

- **2005**, The firm joins the prestigious USLAW Network.



- **2008**, Brian Fagan helps lead the Cedar Rapids flood recovery efforts.



Cedar Rapids Flood



Brian Fagan

- **2009**, Kevin Visser and Randy Scholer are instrumental in the merger of two successful firms in Cedar Rapids, Simmons Perrine PLC and Moyer & Bergman.



Kevin Visser



Randy Scholer

- **2016**, Former partner, Leonard Strand, is elevated from U.S. Magistrate Judge to U.S. District Court Judge for the Northern District of Iowa.



Judge Leonard Strand

- **2016**, The firm celebrates a century of service.

# We are... *attorneys.*

From individuals, to start-up companies, to large conglomerates, our attorneys have the ability and experience to assist individuals and companies with even the most complex needs.

Our areas of practice include:

## Business and Transactions

Agriculture and Farming Law

Banking and Finance

Corporate Transactions and  
Business Counseling

Healthcare Law

Immigration Law

Intellectual Property

Mergers, Acquisitions and  
Divestitures

Municipal Law

Pension Plans, Profit Sharing  
and Employee Benefits

Real Estate, Land Use and  
Regulation Law

Renewable Energy Law

Startups and Emerging  
Companies

Taxation Law

Tax Exempt Financing

Wills, Trusts, Estate Planning  
and Probate Law

## Litigation Practice

Antitrust and Trade  
Regulation

Appellate Advocacy

Banking Litigation

Business and Commercial  
Litigation

Construction and Design  
Practice

Creditors' Rights and  
Bankruptcy Law

Environmental Law

Family Law

Insurance Defense and  
Coverage

Labor and Employment Law

Personal Injury

Probate, Estate and Trust  
Litigation

Product Liability

Professional Liability Defense,  
Licensure and Credentialing

Transportation Law

Workers' Compensation



*Our* 2016  
*attorneys*



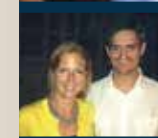
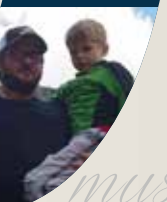




# We are...

At Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC, we are attorneys, community leaders, parents, teachers, philanthropists, volunteers, and so much more.

We believe our longevity stems from not only our experience as attorneys, but also the commitment we have to others and the shared vision of working toward a better future for our clients, staff and families.



athletes  
friends  
coaches  
retirees  
philanthropists  
entrepreneurs  
parents  
musicians  
survivors

leaders  
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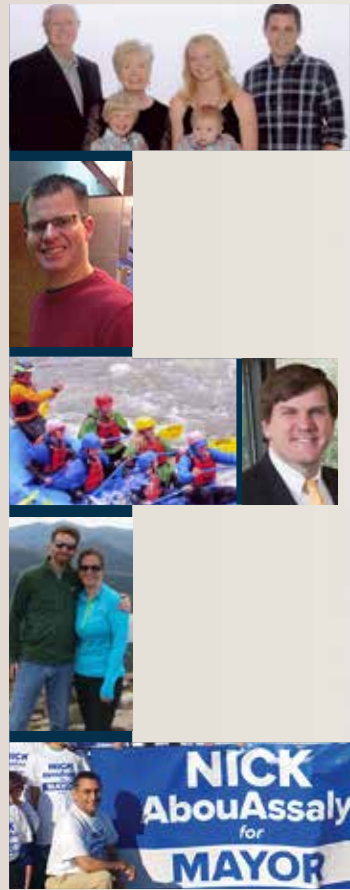
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veterans

teachers

entrepreneurs  
artists  
counselors



retirees / entrepreneurs  
leaders survivors friends / coaches  
philanthropists athletes parents  
musicians



veterans / entrepreneurs  
coaches artists counselors  
teachers coaches survivors retirees athletes friends  
philanthropists leaders

**ATTORNEY**

Robert E. Konchar	June 1, 1965
Darrel A. Morf	August 1, 1970
J. Scott Bogguss	June 14, 1971
James E. Shipman	June 15, 1970
Stephen J. Holtman	July 1, 1973
Philip D. Brooks	July 1, 1977
Roger W. Stone	August 1, 1981
Kevin J. Visser	September 2, 1980
Randal J. Scholer	August 1, 1981
William S. Vernon	July 6, 1981
Eric W. Lam	June 26, 1984
David W. Kubicek	January 1, 1987
Matthew J. Brandes	July 1, 1985
Michael McDonough	July 2, 1985
James M. Peters	November 24, 1986
Mark A. Roberts	June 28, 1993
Chad M. VonKampen	June 21, 1993
Gregory G. Williams	October 1, 1997
Nicolas Abou Assaly	April 21, 1997
Lynn W. Hartman	December 31, 1998
Kathleen A. Kleiman	December 31, 1998
Thomas D. Wolle	June 23, 1997
Paul P. Morf	September 2, 1998

**JOINED FIRM**

Philip A. Burian	May 1, 1998
Christine L. Conover	May 2, 2000
Thomas N. DeBoom	May 26, 1998
Matthew J. Adam	October 25, 2005
Robert S. Hatala	January 1, 2008
Amanda M. D'Amico Erickson	August 16, 2004
Jacob R. Koller	March 1, 2007
Brian J. Fagan	August 25, 2003
Abbe M. Stensland	August 1, 2006
Kyle W. Wilcox	November 28, 2006
Jeffrey A. Stone	November 26, 2007
Matthew J. Hektoen	November 8, 2007
Paul D. Gamez	June 21, 2010
Christopher J. Voci	July 9, 2007
Dawn M. Gibson	August 13, 2007
Carrie L. Thompson	April 15, 2009
Travis J. Schroeder	August 17, 2009
Charles J. Krogmeier	March 7, 2011
Chad D. Brakhahn	September 6, 2011
Lisa A. Stephenson	June 4, 2012
Travis M. Cavanaugh	September 4, 2012
Erin R. Nathan	August 28, 2013
Christopher K. Loftus	September 30, 2013

Laura A. Jensen	November 18, 2013
Graham R. Carl	May 13, 2013
David J. Bright	November 3, 2014
Rae M. Kinkead	December 1, 2014
Nicholas D.K. Petersen	March 2, 2015
Erick J. Skogman	April 27, 2015
Jacob W. Nelson	September 28, 2015
Gail Brashers-Krug	March 21, 2016

**COUNSEL**

Larry G. Gutz	January 1, 1977
Mark J. Herzberger	September 1, 1987
Mark H. Ogden	November 1, 1994

**RETIRED**

William A. Bergman	Founder 1961; Retired 1998
Stephen C. Nelson	1967; Retired 2008
James R. Snyder	1957; Retired 2000
Richard G. Hileman, Jr.	1980; Retired 1998
David A. Hacker	1982; Retired 2009
Iris E. Muchmore	1976; Retired 2014
James A. Gerck	1980; Retired 2016





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