Barry S. Sackett

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Practice Groups

Business & Commercial

Construction & Real Estate

Trust & Estate

Overview

Barry Sackett is a trusted advisor to business owners, executives, and entrepreneurs who rely on his insight to navigate complex legal and business challenges. Drawing on decades of experience in leadership, finance, and law, Barry helps clients identify opportunities, reduce risk, and achieve sustainable growth.

As the Managing Shareholder of Bassford Remele's Sioux Falls office, Barry leads the firm's efforts to deliver exceptional service to clients throughout South Dakota and the surrounding region. His approachable leadership style and entrepreneurial mindset foster collaboration and strategic thinking across the firm's business and litigation practices.

Before entering private practice, Barry built a career that spanned multiple disciplines—including serving as a business owner, chief financial officer, in-house counsel, and assistant county attorney. His hands-on understanding of business operations, combined with his legal acumen, allows him to deliver practical, results-driven guidance in every engagement.

Barry represents clients across a wide range of industries, including construction, manufacturing, agriculture, food production, banking, digital assets, real estate development, technology, and government relations. His practice focuses on business development, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, estate planning, probate, and mediation.

Throughout his career, Barry has served as lead counsel on numerous eight-figure transactions and development projects. He also has extensive experience advising agricultural businesses on risk management and federal regulatory issues, including work related to compensation and insurance solutions during the Avian Influenza epidemic.

Curious by nature and committed to helping others succeed, Barry thrives on turning vision into reality. He partners closely with clients to find opportunities, guide growth, strengthen operations, and build lasting success.

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Education & Admissions

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, J.D., 1993
  - International Law Program, Arachon, France, 1992
- Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota, M.B.A., 2012
- University of Iowa, B.B.A., 1991

Bar Admissions

- South Dakota
- Minnesota
- Iowa
- California

Certifications

- Certified Mediator

Experience

Publications

- *Foundations for the Future: Succession Planning for Construction Companies*, author, Associated General Contractors of Minnesota, June 2026

Professional & Civic

Bar Associations

- South Dakota Bar Association
- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Iowa State Bar Association
  - Bench-Bar Committee
  - Lawyers Helping Lawyers under the ISBA
- California Bar Association
- Dickinson County Bar
- Clay County Bar
- Hennepin County Bar Association

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Civic Involvement

- Rotary Downtown Sioux Falls
  - Board of Directors
- Trees Forever
  - Finance Committee
  - Board Member
- Iowa Lakes Corridor Development Corporation
  - Visioning Board and Counsel
  - Former Board Member and Treasurer
- Okoboji Foundation
  - Former Board Member and Treasurer
- Okoboji Sailing Center
  - Executive Committee
- Okoboji Yacht Club
  - Executive Committee
- Dickinson County Trails Board
  - Former Vice President
- YMCA of the Okobojis – Camp Foster
  - Visioning Board and Counsel
  - Former Board Member and Past President
- Okoboji Protective Association
  - Former Treasurer, Past President

Accolades

Honors & Awards

- Great Plains Super Lawyers list, *Super Lawyers*, 2019-2026