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Brendan Donahue provides personalized planning to individuals and families in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota. He is an estate planning attorney at Goosmann Trust Law Counsel, a boutique estate and succession planning department within Goosmann's full-service law firm. Brendan assists individuals and families in planning their legacy, aiming to protect client wealth, support business succession, reduce taxes and fees, and, ultimately, ensure there is someone to listen to their wishes and implement them. Brendan's goal for his clients is to replace uncertainty and fear with assurance and peace of mind knowing they have a plan in place – worth it!

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#### **Education:**

University of Virginia School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2012

- Virginia Law Scholarship
- Virginia Journal of Law and Technology, Editorial Board Member
- Elder Law Clinic

Hillsdale College, Bachelor of Arts in English, 2005

- Grewcock Full-Tuition Scholarship
- Honors Program

#### **Employment:**

Nebraska Methodist Health System: Omaha, Nebraska

**Legal Fellowship, 2012-2013**

Charles L. Weber Law Firm: Charlottesville, Virginia

**Summer Associate, 2011**

First Court of Appeals: Houston, Texas

**Summer Law Clerk, 2010**

Tenth Judicial District: Hastings, Nebraska

**Summer Law Clerk, 2010**

#### **Bar Admissions:**

Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota

#### **Professional Organizations & Community Involvement:**

- American Bar Association, Real Property Trust & Estate Law Section
- Iowa State Bar Association, Probate, Trust & Estate Planning Section; Taxation Section
- Nebraska State Bar Association
- Siouxland Estate Planning Council
- Prairie Family Business Association
- South Dakota Trust Association
- WealthCounsel®
- Sculpt Siouxland, Board of Directors

**Articles, Presentations and Achievements:**

- Protecting Assets and Preserving Wealth, May 2016
- “5 things You Should Know About Domestic Asset Protection Trusts,” Midwest Medical Edition (MED Magazine), 2015
- “Handling Contributions and Tax Deductions,” “Liability of Directors and Officers,” National Business Institute: Tax Exempt Organizations from Start to Finish
- “Estate Plan: End of Year Checklist”, Midwest Medical Edition (MED Magazine), 2014
- “Understanding More About Spousal Lifetime Access Trusts”
- “How to Successfully Stage Your Business Succession Plan”
- “Charitable Estate Planning,” Siouxland Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, 2014
- “Managing the Inventory,” National Business Institute: The Probate Process from Start to Finish
- “Family Farm Succession Planning,” Take Root Discussion Panel Member – Iowa Farm Bureau
- Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2017, 2016, 2015 & 2014