



## **CHRIS BARONDEAU**

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Chris Barondeau (pronounced Ba-ron-doe) is a lawyer and soldier. He focuses his practice on divorce and family law and currently serves in the Nebraska Army National Guard as Commander of HHD of the 126th Chemical Battalion. Early in his military career he deployed to Iraq where he operated a vehicle used to locate roadside bombs – it's safe to say that Chris isn't easily rattled. When you are experiencing a life changing divorce or facing a contentious dispute concerning the custody of your children, Chris is a solid advocate, providing strong support as he leads you through the trenches – worth it.

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### **Education:**

Creighton University School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2011; MS Negotiation & Dispute Resolution

- Severens-Mayer Award for Excellence in Mediation and Best Mediator
- Dean's Academic Scholarship
- Gail Werner Robertson Scholarship
- Marianne & Thomas Culhane Scholarship
- Distinguished Military Graduate

University of South Dakota, Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude, in Political Science, 2008; Minor in Business Administration

- Dave Lorenz Senior Leadership Award
- Student Government Association
- Student Senator & Business Manager
- Beta Theta Pi, Gamma Alpha, President
- Omicron Delta Kappa, South Dakota Circle, President
- Mortar Board, Order of Omega
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars

### **Employment:**

Nebraska Army National Guard

#### **Commander of HHD of the 126th Chemical Battalion, Nebraska Army National Guard**

- Currently serving as the Commander of HHD for the Nebraska Army National Guard's 126<sup>th</sup> Chemical Battalion located in Omaha, NE. Deployed with the South Dakota Army National Guard (A Company 153rd Engineer Battalion/Combat



Mechanized) as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom from February 2004 through February 2005. Served as a combat engineer and conducted a variety of missions including a counter IED mission (located and neutralized roadside bombs) and detention center operations.

Northeast Community College (College Center): South Sioux City, NE

**Adjunct Professor, Business Law I & II: 2012-2013**

Concord Center: Omaha, NE

**Practicum/Internship (Werner Institute Creighton University)**

- Managed mediation cases from intake, coordination of initial and main session and follow up.

U.S. Attorney's Office: Omaha, NE

**Legal Internship**

- Conducted research on a variety of legal issues; utilized senior certification to develop litigation skills in court; prepared multiple briefs for Assistant United States Attorneys.

Pottawattamie County Attorney's Office: Council Bluffs, IA

**Legal Internship**

- Conducted research for use by attorneys on a variety of legal issues involving criminal, civil and appellate cases; assisted attorneys in preparing cases for trial; observed courtroom proceedings and participated in depositions.

**Bar Admissions:**

Iowa, Nebraska & South Dakota and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa

**Professional Organizations & Community Involvement:**

- American Bar Association
  - Family Law Section
  - Military Law Committee
- Iowa State Bar Association
  - Family Law and Juvenile Law Section
- Nebraska Bar Association
  - Family Law Section
- Woodbury County Bar Association
- The National Guard Association of the United States
- National Guard Officers Association of Nebraska
- Sioux City Growth Organization – Former Board Member
- Vision Dakota County– Former Board Member
- Post 0169 (SD) for the American Legion
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Siouxland– Big Couple along with his wife Amanda
- 100+ Men Who Care (Siouxland Chapter) – Board Member

**Articles, Presentations and Achievements:**

- Negotiation and Drafting Farm Land Leases, Farm Business Law Seminar, 2014
- "Recent USDA Food Labeling Spawn Litigation," Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation October Newsletter, 2013
- Agricultural Use Evaluation, Estate Planning for Farms and Ranchers Seminar, 2013
- Goal Setting, Estate Planning for Farmers and Ranchers Seminar, 2013
- Understanding and Accessing Governmental Economic Development Incentives, CEO Forum, 2013

- Protecting Your Agricultural Interest Before a Bankruptcy is Filed, Agricultural Law Seminar, 2011
- Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2017, 2016, 2015 & 2014
  - Top 10 Under 40 Attorney Award for the state of Iowa (2015) – National Academy of Family Law Attorneys