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### SERVICES

Asset Protection and  
Recovery  
Business Services  
Estate Planning, Trusts  
and Estates  
Financial Institutions  
Real Estate

### EDUCATION

University of Nebraska-  
Lincoln, B.A.  
Creighton University  
School of Law, J.D. (cum  
laude)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Nebraska  
Colorado  
Iowa  
U.S. District Court of  
Nebraska

## KAYLEN K. AKERT

### Attorney

Kaylen Akert joined Woods Aitken in 2015 after clerking at the firm for two years and is a partner in the firm's transactional group. Her practice areas include business transactions, mergers and acquisitions, banking, real estate matters, estate planning, and estate (probate) administration.

She regularly assists clients with a variety of corporate issues, ranging from the initial formation of a business, to contract drafting and negotiating, to issues of corporate governance and best practices. She has experience counseling clients on significant corporate events such as entity reorganizations, stock purchase agreements, or asset purchase agreements. Kaylen prides herself on helping clients navigate the different legal issues that can arise throughout the life of a business.

As a part of her real estate practice, Kaylen regularly represents clients buying, selling, or leasing commercial properties, including transactions involving seller-financing and 1031 exchanges. Kaylen also assists landlords and property managers in a wide range of landlord-tenant matters. In connection with complex loan transactions, she routinely provides local counsel opinion letters for Nebraska, Iowa, and Colorado matters. She also has experience with the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approval process, including transfers of physical assets and assignments of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contracts.

In the estate planning process, Kaylen seeks to help clients achieve peace of mind by knowing their family and business are prepared for future generations. In the estate or trust administration process, she works with personal representatives and trustees to manage estate or trust assets, appreciative that it can be a sensitive time for each family.

Kaylen also has experience advising clients on creditor's rights, remedies, and security interests.

Kaylen received her J.D., cum laude, from Creighton University School of Law. During law school, she was president of the Student Bar Association, senior lead articles editor for the Creighton Law Review, a member of the Moot Court Board, and received multiple CALI Excellence for the Future Awards. Kaylen received her B.A. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she majored in English and History.

Although primarily located in Woods Aitken's Lincoln office, Kaylen does spend time in the Omaha office on a regular basis to further assist clients.

### AFFILIATIONS

100's of Women Who Care  
Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Omaha Metro Chapter  
Downtown Lincoln Association, Board of Directors, Chair  
Downtown Lincoln Master Plan 2018 Project Committee  
International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)  
Leadership Lincoln, Fellows Class XXXIII and Board of Directors  
Nebraska State Bar Association, Real Estate, Probate, and Trust Section, Executive Committee  
Nebraska State Bar Association, Real Estate Practice Guidelines Committee  
RISE Lincoln  
Special Olympics Nebraska, Board of Directors

## RECOGNITIONS

The Best Lawyers in America®, Real Estate Law, 2027

American College of Real Estate Lawyer's Advanced Commercial Leasing Institute, Rising Star, 2025

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch®, Banking and Finance Law, Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), and Real Estate Law, 2021-2025

Great Plains Super Lawyers Rising Star, Business/Corporate, Real Estate, Estate Planning & Probate, 2021-2024

## EXPERIENCE

### PRESENTATIONS

Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM) (2025), *Commercial Lease Agreements*

Certified Commercial Investment Members (CCIM) (2024), *Commercial Real Estate Purchase Agreements*

CRE Summit (2024), *Moderator*

Associated General Contractors, Nebraska Building Chapter (2024), *Business Transitions and Ownership Changes*

Certified Commercial Investment Members (CCIM) (2023), *Commercial Real Estate Lease Agreements*

Nebraska State Bar Association Annual Meeting (2021), *The Impact of COVID on Commercial Leasing*

Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM) (2020), *Commercial Leasing*

Nebraska State Bar Association Real Estate Institute (2019), *eNotarization: Technology & Trends*

Annual Nebraska Growers and Brewers Conference (2018), *Growing and Brewing Gone Bad*

University of Nebraska-Omaha Rho Epsilon (2017), *Panelist*

### PUBLICATIONS

Kaylen K. Akert, et al., Chapter 12, Nebraska Real Estate Practice Manual, Nebraska State Bar Association (2017)