



## Roberts, Stevens & Prendergast, PLLC

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November 8, 2022

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator  
City of Oelwein  
20 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW  
Oelwein, Iowa 50662

Re: City of Oelwein – Request for Proposal

Dear Mr. Mulfinger:

Enclosed please find my resume in response to your Request for Proposals directed to my office this past month. I have interest in serving as the City Attorney for the City of Oelwein and am submitting this letter and my resume in support of that interest.

As you can tell from my resume, I currently represent a number of small cities in Northeast Iowa including, but not limited to, Jesup, Hudson, Fairbank, and Raymond among others. Many of these cities I have been providing representation to since approximately 2006. My firm has always had a healthy municipal law practice and I have continued to maintain that area of work over the years. My litigation experience includes prosecuting a number of Chapter 657A cases for both the City of Greene and the City of Hazleton and regularly prosecute city violations for all of my cities. I am currently a solo practitioner and do not have any intention on retaining any associates at this juncture and as such, I would be the attorney providing the services for the City of Oelwein. My municipal work has continued to grow and as such at this juncture I see myself focusing more on municipal work and less on my family law litigation.

When I spoke to Nathan Lein at the Fayette County Courthouse recently, he indicated that this position was open and inquired of my interest. I have known Nathan for many years and would certainly be interested in continuing to work with him in my capacity as the City Attorney for Oelwein. I currently attend some of my city's council meetings at night and other's do not require my attendance at their meetings as frequently. If there are conflicts in the schedule many of my cities accommodate my attendance at a meeting even if there is a direct conflict with their existing meeting. I have found that as long as there is a free and open flow of communication regarding pending issues and/or things which may be placed on the agenda, many times I am able to address concerns in advance of a meeting.

I currently charge my cities \$150.00 per hour and bill at quarter hour increments. My intent would be to do the same with the City of Oelwein. I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with the Council and discuss my experience and expertise in municipal law. If I can answer any further questions in regards to my interest in this position, I would be happy to do so.

Very truly yours,



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**Work Experience**      **Managing Partner-Roberts, Stevens, & Prendergast, P.L.C.**  
**Assistant Black Hawk County Attorney, Civil Division**  
311 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
P.O.Box 956  
Waterloo, Iowa 50703  
(319) 234-4600  
2005 to Present

- **General office practice that focuses municipal law and family law litigation including, but not limited to, economic development, contract drafting, and public improvement projects. My city work has included extensive transactional work involving purchase agreements, contract review and drafting and real estate transactions. Currently representing the Cities of Elk Run Heights, Fairbank, Lamont, Jesup, Raymond, Hudson, Tripoli, Frederika, and Greene. Family law work involves division of assets and tax consequences in high dollar dissolution litigation. General law practice also includes real estate work including title opinions, real estate closings, simple estate planning and criminal defense work.**

## **Owner-Prendergast Law Office**

November 2005 - 2006  
319 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Waterloo, Iowa  
(319) 236-6667

## **Associate**

April 2004 to October 2005  
Beecher, Field, Walker, Morris, Hoffman & Johnson P.C.  
Waterloo, Iowa

## **Assistant County Attorney**

November 2000-April 2004  
Black Hawk County Attorney's Office  
Waterloo, Iowa

## **Associate**

June 1998 to November 2000  
Blanchard, Robertson, Mitchell & Carter, P.C.  
Joplin, Missouri

**Assistant State's Attorney**

December 1995 to May 1998

Champaign County State's Attorney's Office

Urbana, Illinois

**Teaching Experience Adjunct Professor – University of Northern Iowa, Real Estate Law, 2004**

**Kaplan University- Health Care Law, Bankruptcy Law and Business Course (2005-2007)**

**Education**

**Juris Doctor**

1992 to 1995 - Western New England College School of Law,  
Springfield, MA

Student Government Association Representative-2 years

Admissions Committee-Student Representative

BARBRI Representative-1 year

Admitted to practice in Illinois, November 1995

Admitted to practice in Missouri, October 1998

Admitted to practice in Kansas, April 1999

Admitted to practice in Federal Courts of Missouri and Kansas, and  
8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals

Admitted to practice in Iowa, November 2000

**Bachelor of Arts, English      Dean's List 1989-1992**

1988 to 1992 - University of Illinois, Urbana, IL

President, Pre-Law Club

Membership Chair, Pre-Law Club

**Community**

**Activities/Awards**

Denver Community Schools - Vice President and Board Member,  
2012 -present

Alpha Delta Pi Sorority - Chapter Advisor

Waterloo Convention and Visitors Bureau - Past President and  
Board Member (2005-2018)

Girl Scouts of Conestoga Council - Past President

Mock Trial Judge Iowa State Bar Association

2007 Cedar Valley Woman of the Year

2007 Twenty Under Forty Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier Award  
Recipient

Certified Collaborative Mediator

Certified Comprehensive Divorce and Family Mediator

**Professional  
Memberships**

**Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers- Member 2020-present**

Black Hawk County Bar Association - Treasurer and Past President  
and Vice President

Iowa State Bar Association (2005 – present)

Board of Governors (June 2018- present)

Bench Bar Committee (June 2017-June 2018)

ISBA Award of Merit Committee

ISBA Access to Justice Sub-Committee Chair

ISBA Scope and Correlations Chair

ISBA President's Advisory Council

Member, Iowa Municipal Attorney's Association

**Legal Research and Writing**

Research daily with multiple Appellate Briefs available upon request  
Recent Iowa Supreme Court case, In Re Miller, No. 19-0969

References available upon request