



# ROBERT M. SCHARTZ

## Partner

**Areas of Practice:** Medical Malpractice Defense, Probate Litigation, Insurance Defense, General Litigation, Personal Injury

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Robert M. Scharitz is a partner with AKC Law and chairs AKC Law's Litigation Group. He joined AKC Law in 2009 after spending eleven years with another Omaha litigation firm. Early in his career, Rob served as Assistant Douglas County Public Defender, where he gained significant trial experience and won his first jury trial just six months into his legal career.

Rob devotes 100% of his trial practice to representing his clients through all stages of the litigation process from pre-suit evidence gathering and negotiations through jury trial and possible appeal. As first chair counsel, he has tried more than 20 jury cases to verdict in federal and state courts. Rob has also argued numerous cases in all levels of the state appellate courts.

Most of Rob's cases involve complex medical and legal issues surrounding catastrophic injuries or death as he specializes in the defense of physicians, nurses, hospitals, and other healthcare providers in professional liability litigation. He has also acted as defense counsel on a vast number of other civil liability actions on behalf of individual clients and the client's insurance carrier. Rob has also lectured and spoken to large groups of physicians and hospital personnel on issues related to risk management and trial procedures.

Rob is "AV" Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating for professional excellence in both legal ability and ethics. He belongs to the Defense Research Institute and is a member of its Medical Liability section, serving on its Steering Committee and as Nebraska Liaison. Rob is also a member of the Nebraska Defense Counsel Association and is listed in Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys.

He is licensed to practice law in both Nebraska and Iowa and is a current member of the Nebraska State Bar Association, Iowa State Bar Association, and the Omaha Bar Association.

Rob obtained his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with honors from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1990 with an emphasis in accounting. He obtained his Juris Doctor from Creighton University School of Law in 1993.

Being active in the Omaha community is important to Rob. He is a member of Christ the King Parish, where he served as President of the Education Steering Committee for CTK Elementary School. Rob also serves on the Archbishop's Committee for Development for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha and is Immediate Past President of the Board of Directors for Youth Emergency Services, an organization that aids homeless youth in the Omaha vicinity. Rob also serves as President of the Old Loveland Homeowners Association.

#### BAR ADMISSION:

Nebraska  
Iowa  
U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Iowa

#### EDUCATION:

J.D., Creighton University School of Law  
B.S., Business Administration, University of Nebraska, Omaha

#### HONORS & AWARDS:

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