

The Weinhardt Law Firm Unveils Name Change to Weinhardt & Lantz

Todd Lantz elevated to name partner, firm expands elite attorney team



(June 18, 2025) The Des Moines-based Weinhardt Law Firm has officially rebranded to Weinhardt & Lantz, marking a significant milestone in the firm’s strategic growth and long-term plans. Today the firm announced Todd Lantz as a name partner along with an investment in additional top-tier attorneys to meet the growing legal needs of companies, executives, and fellow attorneys.

“Exceptional expertise in the litigation of complex civil and criminal cases is what enables us to win today – but it’s our leadership and commitment to elite legal talent that will enable us to serve our clients for decades to come,” said Mark Weinhardt, founder. “This announcement of Weinhardt & Lantz is part of a strategic vision to stay focused on complex business disputes, white-collar criminal matters, appeals, and internal investigations, while growing generational strength. I’m excited for the future and those we serve.”

Todd Lantz, of the newly named Weinhardt & Lantz, joined The Weinhardt Law firm in 2013 – a little over a year after it was founded by Mark Weinhardt. At that time, Mark described Todd as a “five-tool player,” a baseball term for someone who excels in every facet of the game.

“The confidence placed in me to become a name partner and to work on some of the most challenging and complex cases is truly special,” said Todd Lantz of Weinhardt & Lantz. “As successful as we have been, I believe the best is yet to come. The level of talent we are attracting and the firms that are reaching out for our help are simply remarkable.”

Previously with Belin McCormick, P.C., Todd specializes in complex commercial litigation, white-collar criminal defense, trial practice, and appeals. In the 2022 edition of Best Lawyers, he was recognized as “Lawyer of the Year” for Criminal Defense: White-Collar in Des Moines. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa and of Harvard Law School. Following law school, he served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Michael J. Melloy of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Weinhardt & Lantz is also announcing the **addition of attorneys Kyle Essley and Will Admussen.**



Kyle Essley comes to Weinhardt & Lantz with a breadth of experience that includes serving as an Assistant United States Attorney, practicing at two large national firms, and clerking for the Honorable Steven M. Colloton of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Kyle is known as a true courtroom advocate and has tried eight federal jury trials and represented dozens of clients in front of judges, arbitrators, and regulators. He has been on the winning side of civil and criminal cases alike and argued nearly 20 appeals in federal and appellate courts throughout the country. As both plaintiff and defense counsel he has worked on cases claiming millions, and sometimes billions, of dollars in fraud losses. He is a graduate of Kansas State University and the University of Iowa College of Law, graduating with highest honors, Order of the Coif, and as the Editor in Chief of the Iowa Law Review.



Will Admussen joins Weinhardt & Lantz from the Iowa Attorney General's Office, where he was an Assistant Solicitor General. Previously, he served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Texas. He brings experience in civil litigation, criminal and civil appeals, and fraud investigations. Will has tried civil cases for the federal government and argued before the Iowa Supreme Court, Iowa Court of Appeals, and the Third, Fifth, and Eighth Circuits. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas, with distinction and departmental honors, and the University of Chicago Law School, with honors. He served as an Articles Editor for the University of Chicago Law Review, where his work was also published. Will clerked for the Honorable James C. Ho of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the Honorable David R. Stras of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

ABOUT WEINHARDT & LANTZ

Weinhardt & Lantz is a boutique law firm specializing in the litigation of complex civil and criminal cases. While the firm has extensive experience in a wide range of civil and criminal matters, its attorneys concentrate on complex business disputes and the defense and investigation of white-collar criminal matters. The firm represents clients in both federal and state courts in Iowa and across the United States.

To review a cross-section of civil, criminal, and appellate cases the firm has handled, or learn about its attorneys' backgrounds and industry expertise, visit **weinhardtlantz.com** or call (515) 244-3100.

