

2024 Annual Award Winners

Robert C. Riter Award

Lisa Marso, Boyce Law Firm

Lisa is a partner in the litigation section, with a primary focus in employment, governmental, church, education, and life/health/disability law. Her clients include small employers, as well as those with thousands of employees, including banks, cities and counties, manufacturers, insurance companies, franchisors, and health care providers. She also serves as the appointed City Attorney for Brandon, South Dakota and Split Rock Township.

Lisa has particular employment law experience in: successfully representing employers and insurers in administrative, civil and appellate claims. In so doing, she has assisted in developing legal precedent that protects both employers and insurers in South Dakota; obtaining numerous dismissals of cases involving bad faith allegations against employers and insurers; providing training in the workplace, speaking to small and large employers, and conducting pre-litigation investigations to resolve disputes prior to litigation being undertaken; and labor negotiations on behalf of the employer and assistance to employers in unfair labor practice matters.



Collegiality Award

Gregory Bernard, Thomas Braun Bernard, and Burke

Greg's thorough knowledge of the law and keen ability to find the best legal solution for his clients sets him apart. Much of Greg's practice is focused on defending doctors and other professionals. However, he also handles other types of litigation—including business disputes, property disagreements, and estate matters—and assists clients with forming businesses, entering into purchase agreements/contracts, real estate issues, and estate planning.

Greg hails from Jefferson, South Dakota. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in 1992 and his Juris Doctor degree in 1996, both from the University of South Dakota. After graduating law school in the top 10% of his class as a member of the Thomas Sterling Honor Society, he served as a law clerk for the Honorable Andrew Bogue, a Federal District Court Judge in South Dakota, from 1996 to 1998.