



Susan E. Johnson-Drenth

Sue's practice areas include elder law, estate planning, probate, probate litigation, guardianships, and trust law including special needs trusts for the disabled. Sue is the only Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA) in North Dakota and Northwestern Minnesota. Sue is a Fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and is a former State Chair for North Dakota. In addition to practicing law, Sue continues to hold licensure as a registered nurse in North Dakota. Sue is also a certified mediator specializing in contested probate and guardianship matters, having received her training at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Sue received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, and her Associate's Degree in Nursing from North Dakota State University. Sue graduated with distinction from the University Of North Dakota School Of Law.

Sue gives frequent presentations on all areas of elder law and has written numerous articles on elder law topics for newspapers, magazines and newsletters. Sue was selected as a Great Plains Super Lawyer in 2015, 2016 and 2017, 2018 and 2019 for exhibiting excellence in her areas of practice. Sue was also named a Minnesota Law and Politics Rising Star.

Sue is licensed to practice law in Minnesota and North Dakota, and is a member of the Probate & Trust Law Sections of the Minnesota State Bar Association, North Dakota State Bar Association and is also a member of the Red River Valley Estate Planning Council. Sue is the Chair of the Elder Law Section of the State Bar Association of North Dakota.

Sue is a native of Fargo, North Dakota. She and her husband, Dan Drenth, enjoy golfing, snowmobiling and spending time at the lake with family.

Practice Areas:

- Elder Law
- Estate Planning
- Probate
- Probate Litigation
- Guardianship
- Trust Law
- Special Needs Trusts

Admitted to Practice:

- 1997: Minnesota
- 1997: North Dakota

Memberships:

- Cass County Bar Association
- Clay County Bar Association
- North Dakota State Bar Association
 - Chair of Elder Law Section
- Minnesota State Bar Association
 - Former Seventh District Ethics Committee Investigator
- National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
 - Certified Elder Law Attorney by National Elder Law Foundation
- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
 - Former State Chair of North Dakota
 - Fellow of the College
- Red River Valley Estate Planning Council
- Seventh Judicial District Bar Association (MN)
- Guardianship Association of North Dakota