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## **News Release**

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### ***Ahlers & Cooney Law Firm Elects New Shareholders***

Des Moines, Iowa (January 4, 2019) Attorneys Aaron Hilligas, Rebecca Reif, Kristine Stone and Lindsay Vaught were recently elected shareholders at Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.

**Aaron Hilligas** is a member of the firm's Public Law Practice Area, serving municipalities, higher education and K-12 educational institutions. He advises clients on a variety of labor and employment related matters and represents employers in collective bargaining contract negotiations. Prior to Ahlers & Cooney, Aaron worked in the Office of the General Counsel for the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in Washington, DC.

**Rebecca Reif** is a member of the firm's Public and Private Law Practice Areas, with a focus on Employment Law, Education Law, and Litigation. In the area of employment law, Becky serves clients in strategic planning and litigation related to employment relationships. For clients in the education practice, Becky serves in both advisory and advocacy capacities.

**Kristine Stone** focuses her practice as part of the firm's Government Law Practice Area, representing cities, counties, utilities, and other public entities in the exercise of their powers and in litigation. Prior to joining the Ahlers firm, Kristine served as the City Attorney for the City of Bettendorf, Iowa, and as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Ames, Iowa.

**Lindsay Vaught** practices primarily in the areas of Employment Law and Litigation. She works closely with both public and private clients, including institutions of higher education. Lindsay counsels employers on various employment law matters, and in defending various claims of retaliation, discrimination and harassment, as well as defending administrative complaints.

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