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Sherry Harlan represents small and medium-sized businesses in their general corporate needs, including the development, acquisition, and sale of both the business and its real estate. She serves as principal counsel to many family-owned businesses and focuses her real estate counsel on contracts, annexation, leasing, and complex zoning matters.

Sherry also actively represents many nonprofit entities in the Rockford region in governance, expansion and development, annexation, zoning, construction contracts, and general matters.

Sherry joined Hinshaw in 1987, and is a member of the firm's Women's Affinity Network. She is an appointed lawyer-to-lawyer trained mentor for the 17th Judicial Circuit and an Arbitrator for the 17th Judicial Circuit Mandatory Arbitration Program.

Professional Affiliations

- Winnebago County Bar Association
 - Bar Foundation, Past President and Board Member
 - Real Estate Section, Member and Member at Large
- Rockford Chamber of Commerce, Selected Member for Lead 360

Honors & Awards

- Rated by Martindale-Hubbell for legal ability and ethics
- Leading Lawyers, 2017 – Present
- "75 People You Should Know" *Rockford Register Star*, 2018

Community/Civic Activities

- Jeremiah Development, Board Member
- Rockford Garden Club, Communications Board Member
- Transform Rockford 815 Choose Civility, Co-Founder
- Rockford Public Library Foundation, Former Board Member and Vice-President

Practices

Business & Commercial Transactions
Business Formation
Real Estate & Lending

Education

J.D., University of Wisconsin Law School, 1987
B.A., Illinois Wesleyan University, 1983

Admissions

Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois



- Klehm Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, Former Board Member
- Stepping Stones of Rockford, Inc., Former Board Member