



WHEN TO CONTACT BARKER, HODGSON & MILLER, P.C.

Barker, Hodgson & Miller is an Iowa law firm dedicated to providing legal services to Iowa credit unions. The firm was created to provide affordable legal services focused on needs unique to the credit union industry, and services are offered through the “people helping people” lens of credit unions. The law firm is a strategic partner of the Iowa Credit Union League (League), offering League member credit unions [general legal resources](#), including [self-help guides and access to an attorney referral network](#), that are available through your League membership at no additional cost.

We also offer fee-based services to credit unions who request legal advice tailored to address a specific question, contract, or scenario. These services include analysis of pending contracts, summaries of key provisions in existing contracts.

Below are examples when our legal services could assist your credit union.

IOWA CREDIT UNION LEAGUE MEMBER BENEFITS

SELF-HELP RESOURCES & FURTHER ASSISTANCE

We offer self-help resources to League member credit unions to answer commonly asked questions and provide guidance for legal-related matters. After referring to the self-help resources on the League website, you may have more specific questions relating to a scenario that has come up at the credit union. The firm is available to review the scenario with the credit union and provide advice. Some examples may be:

- What county is the proper county to file the small claims matter?
- How should the credit union modify a non-disclosure agreement for a unique or individualized situation?
- Are there additional questions the credit union should ask a vendor in due diligence?

Any questions that come to mind as you access the self-help resources are great opportunities to reach out to the firm.

As part of your credit union's ICUL member benefits, you can call (844.741.6953) or [email](#) Barker, Hodgson & Miller, P.C. for legal advice on issues affecting your credit union. Attorneys are available to connect your credit union to the legal resources needed - whether to provide an answer to your question, direct you to a helpful [self-guided resource](#), discuss the need for a client relationship with Barker, Hodgson & Miller, P.C., or refer your credit union to a specialized attorney. Reach out with any legal question affecting your credit union, and our team will help you navigate to an answer or solution.

FEE-BASED SERVICES

Did you know? Outside of the legal resources available as a part of the ICUL membership, Barker, Hodgson & Miller, P.C. also offers fee-based services.

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ACCOUNT & LOAN LEVEL QUESTIONS

Everyday issues arise for credit unions on personal, business, and estate and trust accounts, as well as on real estate, auto and business loans. There are facts specific to the account or loan that make the situation different. From what documentation is needed to give a requesting individual access to a member's account to can the credit union proceed with a repossession, contact the firm with your questions.

CONTRACT REVIEW AND QUESTIONS

The firm can assist credit unions with:

- Preparing an addendum or amendment (vendors, real estate purchase or lease, core processing or card processing agreements);
- Summarizing key provisions in existing contracts so you can easily keep track of and understand requirements; and
- Assisting with termination of a contract.
- Analysis of pending contracts: save time by relying on our legal experts to review new contracts. We will provide you with guidance on key provisions and associated risks that could impact your credit union.
- Summaries of key provisions in existing contracts: understand your credit union's contracts and easily keep track of key provisions and requirements.

LEGAL OPINIONS

As questions or issues arise with credit union's programs, policies and procedures, the firm can review, analyze and provide legal opinions and/or discuss recommendations and answer questions.

Questions? Seek the advice of legal counsel. This guide contains general legal information - not legal advice, nor does this document create an attorney-client relationship. The law is complex and changes often so it is recommended to speak with an attorney regarding any questions.

CONSULTATION

Often questions and issues come up that may not necessarily be a true legal question; however, the firm can listen and issue-spot what should be considered and then analyze and provide advice as to next steps.

OUTSOURCED IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

In scenarios requiring a referral to an attorney with specialized legal knowledge, we can be your resource to identify issues, review documents and summarize so the matter is packaged for the most efficient and cost-effective use of the referral attorney. We are also available for presentations to educate staff on legal issues of interest to your credit union.

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