

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 96-2627SI

Thomas A. Johnson,

Appellant,

v.

Curt A. Oppel; Stanley, Lande &
Hunter, P.C., Jointly, Severally and in
the Alternative, formerly known as
Stanley, Rehling, Lande & Van Der
Kamp, P.C.,

Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States
District Court for the Southern
District of Iowa.

[UNPUBLISHED]

Submitted: May 13, 1997

Filed: June 10, 1997

Before McMILLIAN, FAGG, and LOKEN, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Thomas A. Johnson appeals the district court's adverse grant of summary judgment in Johnson's legal malpractice action. We review a grant of summary judgment under a well-established standard. We review de novo questions of state law in this Iowa-based diversity action. Having considered the record and the parties' briefs, we are satisfied that any actionable malpractice on the part of Curt A. Oppel and his law firm did not proximately cause Johnson's damage. Because the district court

correctly held that Johnson failed to establish an essential element of his malpractice claim, a comprehensive opinion would lack precedential value in this fact-intensive case. We thus affirm the district court without further discussion. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

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