

## Law Offices in Independence Announce Merger

Independence, IA (December 23, 2012) - The law office of Daryl Roberts and Eddy & Lange, P.C. are pleased to announce they have merged to form Roberts, Eddy & Lange, P.C. Effective January 1, 2012, the firm will operate out of the 2349 Jamestown Avenue location in Independence (the current location of Eddy & Lange, P.C.).

The firm will continue to offer services in several areas including commercial law, agricultural law, business / corporate law, real estate, litigation, wills and trusts, and estate planning. In addition to the three attorneys, Daryl Roberts, Brian Eddy and Ben Lange, the firm employs two full-time legal assistants, Kay Peterson and Samantha Stelter.

Daryl Roberts, a native of Dallas, Iowa, obtained his Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa, and his undergraduate degree in general science from Iowa State University. He went on to serve five years in the Judge Advocate General Corp. of the U.S. Army. Daryl worked for the Internal Revenue Service in the Estate Tax Division and spent 10 years serving as the Buchanan County Attorney. He has been in private practice since 1969, and is very active in the community. He has served as President of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Congregation. He also served on the Independence Community School District Board of Education for 15 years, and has volunteered as a coach for the Little League Baseball, Youth Soccer and mentor programs. He is married to Barbara, and his three children, Kendall, Andrew and Peter all graduated from Independence High School. "I am looking forward to practicing with two young outstanding attorneys in Independence, Iowa. I hope that this will allow me to work a little less and be out of the office a little more," Daryl stated.

Brian Eddy, a native of Independence, obtained his Juris Doctorate with distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law, and his Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Iowa. He previously worked for a law firm in Minneapolis, until he returned to Independence with his wife Jennifer and children, Ryan, Rachel and Brooke. He started Eddy Law Firm, P.C. in 2005 and has been involved in many community activities since returning to his hometown. He has served on the Board of the Independence Area Chamber of Commerce, Heartland Acres, Independence Area Dollars for Scholars and Build for the Future TEAM. He also coaches Little League baseball and football. He is currently the President of the Independence Community School District's Board of Education. Regarding the merger, Brian stated "Daryl has been serving this community for many years, and we look forward to offering the additional services he brings to the law firm."

Ben Lange, a native of Quasqueton, obtained his Juris Doctorate from Hamline University in St. Paul Minnesota, and his Bachelor of Arts from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. Following law school, Ben served as a Policy Advisor for United States Representative John Kline of Minnesota before moving back home with his wife Kelly. Ben has three children, Addison, Emelia and Charlotte. Ben serves on the Board of Directors of Building Directions for Families of Buchanan, Delaware and Fayette Counties. Ben was also a candidate for United States Congress in 2010 in Iowa's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District. On the merger, Ben commented, "Both Brian and I are pleased with the opportunity to partner with a well-respected member of the community in Daryl Roberts, and look forward to the continued growth of our business. The surrounding community has been great to Brian and I as our business has expanded, and know Daryl will be an intricate part in providing value to all of our clients."

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