

SUSAN LYNN ROBERTS

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Susan Roberts is uniquely qualified to integrate food, agriculture, health and law in developing strategies for safer, more sustainable, more just food systems which in turn catalyze greater health and prosperity among individuals, communities, and nations. It is her unique education, extensive experience, and passion which gives Roberts a visionary approach to address and solve problems whether working on international food security and health, engaging individuals through media, in providing innovative ideas to business, in collaborating with legal firms, or in working on policy with institutes, NGO's or government.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LEGAL

- 2001 to Present **DRAKE LAW SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL LAW CENTER** **Des Moines, Iowa**
Consultant
- Analyzes and recommends food and agricultural policy in work with the Iowa Food Policy Council.
 - Speaks, writes, and advises on policy and program development related to food, agriculture, and health.
- Summer 2002 **SENATE AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY & NUTRITION COMMITTEE** **Washington, D.C.**
Food & Agricultural Intern
- Worked with Senator Harkin's committee staff on national legislation and policy including Child Nutrition Reauthorization, the Farm Bill, and Homeland Security.
- 2003 Session **IOWA LEGISLATURE** **Des Moines, Iowa**
Legislative Practice Intern
- Lobbied with the Iowa Environmental Council including bill drafting, coalition work, bill tracking, conference work, and legislator lobbying.
- 2002 Session **Legislative Intern**
- Analyzed legislative policy related to health and human services including writing Hunger in Iowa Report.

BUSINESS

- 1981 to Present **SUE ROBERTS HEALTH CONCEPTS** **Des Moines, Iowa**
President
- Founder of a successful health and wellness consulting firm giving Roberts an understanding of business and entrepreneurship and putting Roberts at the top of her profession's earning power. The firm's mission is to empower and support individuals in their health journeys by advocating lifestyles based on a holistic view of health, integrating research, culture, and environmental sustainability into everyday practice.
 - Develops, implements, and evaluates award winning corporate health programs for private and governmental clients such as US Department of Transportation. A program for a major health insurer resulted in all employee health parameters improving and health care costs being reduced by 64%.
 - Works with media including writing for newspapers and national magazines and interviews on local and national radio and TV on such programs as CBS news radio and the PBS Lehrer Business Hour.
 - Motivates and counsels individuals to achieve improved health by fostering a positive and challenging environment. Numerous successful weight loss patients featured in newspaper and national magazine articles.
 - Speaks to professional and consumer groups on interrelationship of food, agriculture and health.
 - Advocates legislatively for food security, healthy food, holistic health, and sustainable agriculture.

GOVERNMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE

- 1978-1981 **IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH** **Des Moines, Iowa**
Director, Public Health Nutrition
- Directed state programs of Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Maternal and Child Health Nutrition, and Community Nutrition creating expansion from 11/2 staff to over 20.
 - Managed a multimillion-dollar budget, developed policy and programs, managed and trained staff, assessed community needs, performed public relations, and advocated for health and nutrition issues.

RESEARCH

- 1974-1978 **THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTER** **Iowa City, Iowa**
Research Dietitian
- Developed, executed, evaluated and published nutrition/medical research protocols, supervised student education, managed personnel and a metabolic kitchen.

EDUCATION

May 2003	DRAKE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL	Des Moines, Iowa
	Juris Doctor with Honors Iowa State Bar, Admitted September 2003	
	Honors	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Agricultural Law Journal, 2001-2002▪ Note published in Drake Agricultural Law Journal, Fall 2002▪ 2001 Excellence for the Future Award for highest grade in Food and the Law▪ 2001 Excellence for the Future Award for highest grade in Women and the Law▪ Dean's List Spring 2001, Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Fall 2002, Spring 2003	
	Food and Agricultural Law Certificate	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Awarded advanced certificate, the first of its kind at an American law school, recognizing work in the area of food and agricultural law.▪ Advanced course work included Agricultural Law, Food and the Law, Environmental Regulation of Agriculture, Biotechnology and the Law, Water Law and Environmental Law, Intellectual Property Law.▪ Internship with the Senate Agricultural, Forestry and Nutrition Committee staff in Washington D.C.▪ Major legal writing papers entitled "School Food –Does the Future Call for New Policy or Can the Old Still Hold True?" published in the Drake Agricultural Law Journal, Fall 2002; "Human Health and Environmental Impact of Antibiotic Use in Agriculture"; "Women: The Key to Food Security."	
	Legislative Practice Certificate	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Awarded advanced certificate recognizing a unique program of study with preparation in legislation and administrative rule-making procedures.▪ Advanced course work in Administrative Law, State and Local Government Law, Legislation Law and Legislative Practice Law.▪ Legislative Internship in the Iowa Legislature with State Representative Hatch.▪ Legislative Lobby Internship in the Iowa Legislature with The Iowa Environmental Council.	
	International/Business Sequence	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Completed course work in Public International Law, International Trade, European Law, Business Associations and Intellectual Property Law.	
	Advanced Litigation Sequence	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Completed course work in Trial Advocacy acting as plaintiff counsel through entire trial process, Administrative Law and Products Liability.	
	Continuing Law Education	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Food Drug and Law Institute/FDA 45th Annual Educational Conference, April 2002, Washington, D.C.▪ Constitutional Law Symposium, April 2001 & April 2002, Des Moines, Iowa▪ Rural Attorneys and Agricultural Conference, November 2001 & November 2002, Des Moines, Iowa	
1977	THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	Iowa City, Iowa
	Master of Science, Preventive Medicine & Environmental Health	
1974	THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	Iowa City, Iowa
	Dietetic Internship	
1973	IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	Ames, Iowa
	Bachelor of Science with Distinction, Dietetics, Food and Nutrition	

HONORARY AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society
- Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society
 - Iowa State University Chapter Treasurer, 1977-1978
- American Dietetic Association - Registered Dietitian, #R385817, Iowa License # 00456
 - Hunger and Environmental Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group
National Board, Chair Elect, Chair, 1999-2002
 - Environmental Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group
National Board, Chair Elect, 1999-2000
 - Nutrition Entrepreneurs Dietetic Practice Group
National Board, Newsletter Editor & Editor Elect, 1993-1996
 - Media Representative, 1986-1989
- Iowa Dietetic Association
 - Legislative Link, 1995-present
 - Reimbursement Chair, 1984-1987, 1998-2000
 - Legislative Committee, 1978-1982
- Society for Nutrition Education
- Nutrition Council of Iowa
 - Legislative Chair, 1978-1981
 - President Elect, 1980-1981
 - President, 1981-1982
- Zonta International
 - Amelia Earhart Scholarship Chair, 1982-1983
 - Membership Chair, 1983-1984
 - Vice President, 1986-1987
 - President, 1988-1990
 - Midwest Area Director, 1990-1992

BOARDS

- National Hunger and Environmental Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group, 1999-present
- National Nutrition Entrepreneurs Dietetic Practice Group, 1993-1996
- Consolidated Food Management Company, 1991-1995
- Beacon of Life Homeless Shelter, 1990-1994
- Zonta International, Des Moines, 1986-1992; District VII, 1990-1992
- Lean and Free Beef, 1988-1990

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Business groups such as the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce and Women's business groups.
- Social/environmental issue groups such as Walnut Hills United Methodist Church, Des Moines Vegetarians, Iowa Network for Community Agriculture, Practical Farmers of Iowa, The Iowa Environmental Council, and Iowa Sierra Club.
- Cultural groups such as The Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines Children's Choruses, The Des Moines Symphony, Civic Music Association.
- Political campaigns, both local and national.
- International relations through hosting children and adults from around the world, Iowa United Nations Association, Iowa Sister States, IRIS.