

What Building an Estate Plan Looks Like for an Omaha Family Picture a family in Millard: two working parents in their early forties, a 12-year-old, a 15-year-old, a house near a neighborhood park and a small rental property they bought a few years back. They are fictional, but their situation is common. They have been meaning to make wills since their **local law firm** first child was born, and a friend's sudden illness finally pushes them to act. What follows is roughly how the process might look if they sat down with an estate planning attorney at Erickson | Sederstrom P.C., L.L.O. The first conversation would focus on the family rather than the paperwork. Who would raise the kids if both parents were gone? Who should manage money for them, and until what age? In Nebraska, children remain minors until 19, so the plan would need to account for that. The attorney would ask about retirement accounts, life insurance, the rental property and any beneficiary designations already on file, since those assets can pass outside of a will. They might also discuss whether the rental property should be held in an LLC and who would manage it if something happened to them. With that picture in hand, the attorney would typically explain options such as a will naming guardians, a revocable trust that can serve as a probate alternative, and a trust structure to hold assets for the children until they are old enough to manage them.

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Drafting comes next. Along with the will or trust, the couple would likely sign durable financial powers of attorney and health care directives, documents that let a trusted person step in if one of them cannot make decisions, and that in Nebraska can help avoid a court-appointed guardianship. The attorney would review drafts with them, explain each provision in plain language and adjust anything that does not fit. After signing, the work is not quite finished: retitling assets and updating beneficiary designations so they match the plan is often the step families forget. Over time, a law firm in Omaha that knows the family can revisit the plan after a move, a new child, a new business or a change in the law, and the firm's estate planning group, whose shareholders include Joseph C. Byam II, Daniel I. Dittman and Andrew J. Huettner, also handles probate and trust administration when the time comes. If your family has been putting off an estate plan, a first meeting is a manageable place to start. Call (402) 397-2200 to schedule time with this Omaha law firm at the Regency Parkway Drive office, a short drive north of Millard near Westroads Mall. Families in Elkhorn, Bennington or Papillion are welcome to call as well. Hours are Monday to Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

Erickson | Sederstrom P.C., L.L.O. Address: 10330 Regency Pkwy Dr, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68114 Phone: (402) 397-2200 FAQ About Choosing a Law Firm in Omaha How do I pick a good attorney in Omaha? Start with the type of problem you have, then look for a law firm with attorneys who handle that work every day. Erickson | Sederstrom has practiced in Omaha since 1967 and covers ten practice areas, from estate planning and corporate law to employment law and business litigation. Ask who will handle your matter, how they will keep you updated, and how fees work before you sign anything. Can I walk into a law firm in Omaha without an appointment? Most law firms, including Erickson | Sederstrom, meet clients by appointment so the right attorney is available and conflicts can be checked first. Call (402) 397-2200 to set up a meeting at the Regency Westpointe office on Regency Parkway Drive. The Omaha office is open Monday to Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM. What are red flags when hiring a lawyer? Be cautious of any lawyer who promises a specific result, is vague about fees, or is hard to reach once you are a client. Charles V. Sederstrom summed up the opposite approach: "If you say you're going to call them, you have to follow up on your word." Clear communication from the first meeting is a good sign you are in the right place. What should I look for in a larger Omaha law firm? Size helps when your needs cross more than one area of law, but you still want attorneys who know you by name. Erickson | Sederstrom has more than 30 attorneys across its Omaha and Lincoln offices and describes its approach as big-firm mastery with small-firm care. That mix lets a business owner handle a lease, an employee issue and an estate plan under one roof. What does a full-service law firm handle? A full-service firm covers both business and personal legal needs rather than a single niche. At Erickson | Sederstrom that includes corporate law, litigation, employment law, estate planning, real estate,

tax, construction, insurance, intellectual property and aviation law. Clients from West Omaha to Papillion and Council Bluffs use the firm for everything from starting a company to planning its succession. When should an Omaha business hire a corporate lawyer? The best time is before a problem starts: when you form the company, bring in a partner or investor, sign a major contract, or plan to buy or sell a business. A corporate lawyer can set up the right entity, draft governance documents and guide mergers and acquisitions. Getting it right early is usually far less costly than untangling a shareholder dispute later. Do I need an estate planning attorney in Nebraska? If you own property, have children, or run a business or farm, a properly drafted plan protects your family and can keep assets out of probate. Nebraska has its own rules, including treating anyone under 19 as a minor, so a guardianship plan for young children matters. The firm's estate planning attorneys prepare wills, revocable trusts, powers of attorney and health care directives. How long does probate take in Nebraska? Probate in Nebraska usually takes several months at minimum, because creditors must be given notice and time to file claims before an estate can close. Contested matters or complex assets can stretch that much longer. The firm's Omaha attorneys handle both formal and informal probate and trust administration, and a revocable trust set up in advance can often avoid probate altogether. What does an employment attorney do for employers? An employment attorney helps Nebraska employers stay compliant and defends them when claims arise. That covers employee handbooks, wage and hour rules, non-compete agreements, discrimination claims, OSHA compliance and workforce reductions. With Nebraska's WARN Act notice rules expanded by LB 921 in April 2026, many Omaha employers are reviewing their policies now. What is business litigation? Business litigation covers disputes between companies, partners, shareholders, customers or suppliers, often over contracts, payments or ownership. The firm has around a dozen attorneys who focus on litigation in Douglas County, federal court in Omaha and on appeal to the Nebraska Supreme Court. Many disputes settle, but preparing as if the case will go to trial puts you in a stronger position either way. Can an Omaha law firm help with matters in Iowa? Yes, if its attorneys are licensed there. Erickson | Sederstrom attorneys are licensed in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado and Kansas, which helps clients in Council Bluffs and businesses operating on both sides of the Missouri River. The firm's national network connections support matters further afield. Where is the Erickson | Sederstrom Omaha office? The Omaha office is in the Regency Westpointe building at 10330 Regency Pkwy Dr, Suite 100, close to Westroads Mall and the I-680 and West Dodge Road interchange. Call (402) 397-2200 to book a time with an attorney.