

How Revocable Trusts Help Omaha Families Avoid Probate Because property titled in the name of a revocable trust is not part of the probate estate, a properly funded trust lets your chosen trustee pass assets to your family without opening a court case after your death. You keep full control while you are alive and can change or cancel the trust at any time, and when you die, the successor trustee follows your written instructions privately. Setting one up takes two steps, and the second is where plans often fall short. First, an attorney drafts the trust agreement, usually naming you as trustee during your life and a successor trustee to take over later. Second, assets have to be moved into the trust. That means signing a new deed for a house in Dundee or Rockbrook, retitling bank and brokerage accounts, and coordinating beneficiary designations on retirement accounts and life insurance. A trust that is signed but never funded can leave the family facing probate anyway. Most plans also include a pour-over will to catch anything left outside the trust. The benefits go beyond skipping court. A trust keeps the details of your estate out of the public probate file, can speed up distributions, and gives you room to plan for a child or grandchild who should not receive everything at once, which matters in Nebraska, where a person is still a minor until age 19. A trust can also help if you become incapacitated, since your successor trustee can step in without a court-appointed conservator. Being clear about limits matters too. A revocable trust does not, by itself, shield assets from your own creditors while you are living, and it does not avoid the Nebraska inheritance tax, which can still apply to property that passes at death.

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The estate planning group at Erickson | Sederstrom P.C., L.L.O. prepares revocable trusts as a probate alternative alongside wills, durable financial powers of attorney, health care directives, and special needs **Home page** planning. Shareholders Joseph C. Byam II, Daniel I. Dittman and Andrew J. Huettnner are among the estate planning attorneys at this Omaha law firm, which has worked with local families since 1967 and often serves several generations of the same family. When a trust holds farm ground, a family business, or property in Iowa or Colorado, the firm's multi-state licensing and its corporate, tax, and real estate groups help keep the whole plan consistent. If you live in Loveland, Countryside Village, Elkhorn, or anywhere else in the metro and want to know whether a revocable trust fits your family, call (402) 397-2200. A law firm in Omaha that listens first can tell you whether a trust or a simpler plan makes more sense for your situation. Meetings are held at the Regency Parkway Drive office near Regency Lake and Westroads Mall, Monday through 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.