

What Working With a Corporate Lawyer Looks Like for an Omaha Startup Two founders, one prototype and a handshake deal: that is how plenty of Omaha startups begin. Consider a made-up example of a small software company working out of a coworking space near Aksarben Village, in a city where tech startups now sit alongside Fortune 500 headquarters. The founders have a handful of pilot customers, an informal understanding about who owns what, and an investor who wants to talk terms. So far, legal work has meant an online formation form. Finding a law firm in Omaha is the next step, and here is how that relationship might unfold with a corporate lawyer at Erickson | Sederstrom P.C., L.L.O. The early conversations would center on structure. Should the company stay an LLC or convert to a corporation before taking outside money? How should ownership be split, and what happens if one founder leaves in year two? A corporate lawyer would walk through entity selection, draft or revise the operating agreement or bylaws, and set up vesting and buy-sell terms so a departure does not turn into a shareholder dispute later. Because the company's value lives in its code, intellectual property would get attention right away, starting with confirming that the company, not the individuals, owns the software and reviewing any licenses for open source or third-party tools. The founders might also ask whether a nondisclosure agreement makes sense before they share the product with a potential partner. The firm's intellectual property practice covers software and technology licensing, which fits neatly with the corporate work.

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When the investor conversation gets serious, the focus shifts to capital formation and securities. The attorney would review a term sheet, explain what each provision means for control and future rounds, and help the founders make sure the raise complies with securities rules. As the team grows, employment questions follow, such as offer letters, employee handbooks, non-compete agreements and trade secret protection, and the firm's employment attorneys can step in. Down the road, the same Omaha law firm could advise on an acquisition or a transition plan, since its corporate practice runs from business formation through mergers and acquisitions. Virgil K. Johnson and William T. Foley have been recognized by Best Lawyers in areas that include corporate law, and the firm's philosophy of "big-firm mastery, small-firm care" suits founders who need depth without losing a personal **Additional reading** relationship. If you are launching or growing a startup anywhere from Benson to Elkhorn, it helps to bring in counsel before the first investor check clears. Call (402) 397-2200 to set up a meeting at the Regency Parkway Drive office in west-central Omaha, near Westroads Mall and Regency Lake. Founders in Dundee, Midtown or the Old Market can reach it easily by way of Dodge Street. The office is open 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.