

When Does an Omaha Business Need a Corporate Lawyer If you are forming a company, taking on a partner, raising money, buying or selling a business, or changing who owns what, you need a corporate lawyer at the table. Bringing one in before those decisions are final causes far less trouble than untangling a problem after the paperwork is signed. Formation is the first moment most owners call a law firm in Omaha, and for good reason. Choosing between an LLC, a corporation, or another structure affects taxes, personal liability, and how easily you can bring in investors later. Filing with the Nebraska Secretary of State is simple enough, but the documents that follow, like an operating agreement, bylaws, and a buy-sell agreement, decide what happens when an owner wants out, becomes disabled, or dies. A startup near Aksarben Village and a contractor in Papillion face different risks, yet both benefit from getting those terms on paper early. Growth creates the next set of triggers. Signing a long-term supply contract, franchising, opening a second location, borrowing from a lender who wants personal guarantees, or accepting private equity all carry terms that deserve a careful read. The corporate group at Erickson | Sederstrom P.C., L.L.O. advises on business formation, entity selection, governance, capital formation, securities, franchising and distribution, reorganizations and restructurings, and mergers and acquisitions, for both for-profit companies and nonprofits. Attorneys there, including Best Lawyers honoree Virgil K. Johnson in corporate law, work with owners across the metro, from Millard and La Vista to the office parks along West Dodge Road.

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Trouble between owners is another clear signal. When shareholders disagree about money, control, or direction, early advice can often keep a disagreement from turning into a lawsuit, and if litigation does follow, the firm's litigators can step in without starting from zero. Transition planning belongs on the list as well. Omaha has a deep base of family-owned companies, and handing one to the next generation or selling to a key employee works best when the legal, tax, and estate planning pieces are handled together, years ahead of the actual exit. Waiting until a buyer appears or a founder retires usually leaves fewer options and less time to fix gaps in the company records. An Omaha law firm that has advised local companies since 1967 can help you spot these moments before they become problems. Call (402) 397-2200 to talk with a corporate lawyer at the Regency Parkway Drive office, near Westroads Mall and the I-680 and West Dodge Road interchange. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM, and meetings can also be arranged at the firm's Lincoln office on South 13th Street.

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.