

Starting a Business in Omaha Legal Steps With a Corporate Lawyer Sort out who owns what before you order signage or sign a lease. That advice sounds obvious, yet plenty of new ventures launch on a handshake between founders and a template downloaded late at night, and the gaps only surface when money, a new partner, or a disagreement arrives. A few early conversations with a corporate lawyer can head off the most common problems before they cost time and goodwill. The first legal step is usually entity selection. Choosing between structures affects liability, taxes, how profits are shared, and how easily the company can bring in investors later. Erickson | Sederstrom P.C., L.L.O. helps founders with business formation and entity selection for both for-profit and nonprofit organizations, and because the firm also has a tax practice, the choice can be reviewed from a tax planning angle at the same time. A tech startup hoping to raise capital near Aksarben Village may land on a different structure than a family contractor in Bennington, and that difference should be deliberate rather than accidental. Governance documents come next. Operating agreements, bylaws, and shareholder agreements spell out who makes decisions, what happens if a founder leaves, and how ownership can be transferred. The firm's corporate practice covers corporate governance, capital formation, securities, franchising and distribution, and shareholder and owner disputes, so the attorneys drafting founding documents understand how those documents tend to be tested later. For businesses built around a brand or software, the firm's intellectual property attorneys can address IP protection and technology licensing before a product reaches the market.

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Other early steps depend on the kind of business. A retail concept leasing space near Countryside Village or along Maple Street will want its lease reviewed by the firm's real estate attorneys. A company planning to hire soon should talk with an employment attorney about offer letters, handbooks, and wage and hour rules, particularly with Nebraska minimum wage changes under LB 258, signed February 9, 2026. Working with a single Omaha law firm through these early stages keeps advice consistent as the company moves from idea to operation, and this firm's roots in the city date back to its founding in 1967. Founders anywhere from Downtown Omaha and the Old Market to Elkhorn can call (402) 397-2200 to schedule a startup consultation with a law firm in Omaha that has watched generations of local businesses form and grow. Meetings take place at the Regency Parkway Drive office near the I-680 and West Dodge Road interchange, Monday through Friday from 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.