

How a Contract Dispute Typically Unfolds for an Omaha Business The call usually comes after the third or fourth unanswered email. Consider a hypothetical mid-sized commercial contractor based along the 108th Street corridor, used here only to illustrate how the process tends to work. It finished a warehouse project in La Vista months ago, but the owner has held back the final payment, ***Visit this page*** pointing to alleged delays and a list of items it says were not built to spec. Tempers are short, and the contractor's president is starting to wonder whether this ends in court. That is often the moment a business contacts a law firm in Omaha about the matter for the first time. The first meeting is mostly listening. In a situation like this one, attorneys at Erickson | Sederstrom P.C., L.L.O. would ask for the contract, change orders, daily logs, invoices, photos and correspondence, and then walk through the timeline with the people who were on site. The goal is to understand what the agreement actually requires, what notice provisions or dispute resolution clauses apply, and where the strengths and weak spots of each side's position lie. From there, counsel would typically lay out options: a demand letter, a negotiated resolution, mediation, arbitration if the contract calls for it, or a lawsuit in Sarpy County District Court, where La Vista sits, or wherever the contract directs. Construction lien deadlines might also come into play, since timing rules can be strict.

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If the dispute moves forward, the work becomes more structured. Pleadings are filed, and discovery follows, with both sides exchanging documents, answering written questions and taking depositions. The contractor's team would stay involved throughout, reviewing drafts, answering questions about the project and making decisions about settlement opportunities as they arise. Settlement talks can happen at any point, sometimes through a mediator in a neutral office, sometimes directly between counsel. Many commercial cases resolve before trial while others do not, and preparation matters either way. About a dozen of the firm's attorneys focus on litigation, including business and commercial disputes and complex contract disputes. Because the firm also practices construction law, the same group can look ahead at how future contracts might be drafted to reduce the risk of a repeat. Every dispute is different, and nothing about this hypothetical predicts how a real case would turn out. If your business is caught in a contract dispute, whether over a construction project, a supply agreement or a partnership deal, the earlier you get advice, the more options you tend to have. Call (402) 397-2200 to schedule a consultation with this Omaha law firm at its Regency Parkway Drive office, near Westroads Mall. Owners in Ralston, Millard and along the 120th Street corridor are a short drive away. 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.