

Special Needs Planning Omaha Estate Planning Attorney Who will look after your child when you no longer can? For parents of a son or daughter with a disability, that question sits underneath almost every financial decision, from how a life insurance policy is set up to what a grandparent writes into a will. Special needs planning exists to answer it with care. At Erickson | Sederstrom P.C., L.L.O., estate planning attorneys help families in Omaha and across Nebraska build plans designed to support a loved one while protecting eligibility for Medicaid and SSI. The risk is easy to miss. A well-meaning relative leaves money directly to a child with special needs, and that inheritance can affect access to means-tested benefits the family depends on. A properly drafted special needs trust can hold assets for the person's benefit without counting them the same way, so funds can pay for things that improve quality of life. A trust can also name a trustee who understands the family's wishes, whether that is a sibling, a trusted friend or a professional, and it can include guidance about housing, therapies, recreation and the small comforts that make a day better. The firm's estate planning practice brings these pieces together with wills, revocable trusts, durable powers of attorney, health care directives and non-probate transfers, so beneficiary designations on retirement accounts and life insurance line up with the plan instead of working against it. Shareholders in the estate planning group include Joseph C. Byam II, Daniel I. Dittman and Andrew J. Huettnner.

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Age is another piece of the puzzle. In Nebraska, a person is considered a **full-service law firm** minor until 19, a year later than in many states, and families often need to think ahead about what happens when a child reaches that age. Some young adults are able to sign a power of attorney and a health care directive, which may avoid the need for a court-appointed guardianship. Others need a guardianship or conservatorship, and the firm handles those proceedings as well. Parents in Millard, Bellevue, Boys Town or Countryside Village do not have to sort through those choices alone, and working with a law firm in Omaha that also handles trust administration means the plan can be carried out by the same team that designed it. As Charles V. Sederstrom put it, "A client's needs come first." If you are ready to talk about special needs planning, or want a fresh look at an older plan, this Omaha law firm is ready to listen. Call (402) 397-2200 to set a meeting at the Regency Parkway Drive office, located in the Regency Westpointe building near Westroads Mall and Regency Lake. Families from Rockbrook, Loveland or Papillion can reach it easily from I-680 or West Dodge Road. Hours are 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.