



COLLEGE OF LAW



WE ARE NEBRASKA LAW



UNIVERSITY of NEBRASKA-LINCOLN



We develop
inclusive leaders
who advance
justice, solve
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The University of Nebraska College of Law has been developing leaders who impact Nebraska and the world since 1891. More than 9,000 alumni serve as public interest lawyers, lawmakers, public defenders and prosecutors, judges, and client-serving attorneys impacting lives and advancing justice. Our committed faculty and staff support our students by providing experiential learning opportunities and classroom curriculums that prepare them to lead their communities and serve with integrity.

At Nebraska Law, we:

Think Creatively

Listen Graciously

Speak Thoughtfully

Value Diversity

Build Community

Serve Humbly

Act Courageously

Work Hard

Demand Excellence

DEVELOP AS AN INCLUSIVE LEADER

Leadership goes beyond influencing others. It begins with self-leadership, so Nebraska Law intentionally provides opportunities for students to develop skills such as self-reflection and stress management. As inclusive leaders, students must consider the perspective of others as they make decisions or work toward common goals. These are skills lawyers need as leaders for their clients and organizations, and in their communities.

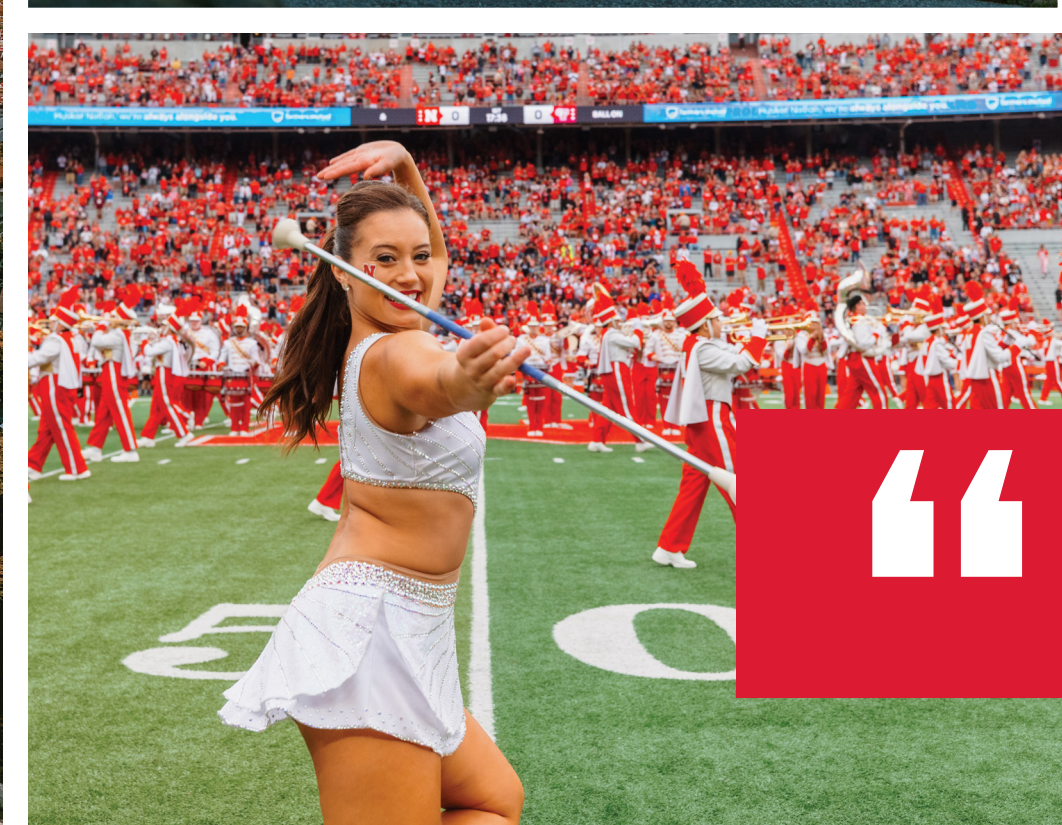


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The problems confronting our communities, governments, and world require lawyers and leaders who are prepared to face those issues skillfully and thoughtfully. No matter your legal interests, a Nebraska Law education prepares you to improve your community and your clients' lives, both as a lawyer and as a leader.

RICHARD MOBERLY
Dean & Richard C. and Catherine S. Schmoker Professor of Law





THE COMFORTS OF A CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY WITHIN A THRIVING CITY



Live – A variety of housing options are available, from modern apartment living to more traditional pet-friendly houses within walking distance or a short drive from campus. Students may also opt for on-campus housing, although most law students choose to live off-site.



Play – Lincoln is known as a college town, but most college towns aren't cities of nearly 300,000. Lincoln is home to concert venues, live theatre, art galleries, sporting events, nightlife establishments, and restaurants featuring world cuisines. Plus, you can explore 130 miles of biking and running trails and venues to golf, fish, walk and kayak.



Affordable – Low cost of living plus high quality of life provides the ideal experience. Housing costs are 20% lower than the national average according to [payscale.com](https://www.payscale.com).



Work – Lincoln is home to Nebraska's state capitol, giving students a front row seat to the lawmaking process. They testify in legislative hearings, propose new legislation, and advocate for policy change. Lincoln provides an abundance of clerkships and other employment opportunities in state and city government, firms, public interest organizations, courts, businesses and private practice.



Cheer – Experience the thrill of Nebraska Athletics. Whether you're in the stands at Memorial Stadium on game day or courtside rooting for our women's volleyball team, our fan base is like no other. Plus, students have access to discounted tickets for football, volleyball, and men's basketball.



Lincoln is for everyone. Learn more about everything the "Star City" has to offer.

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I like living in Lincoln because you get a little bit of both the small town and big town feel. There are plenty of great food places, coffee shops, and shows, and you still maintain the sense of a small-town community!

ABIGAIL BENNETTS BURKEY, '25



FALL SEMESTER

- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Torts
- Legal Analysis, Writing and Research

SPRING SEMESTER

- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Property
- Legal Analysis, Writing and Research

YOUR FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

IN THE CLASSROOM

In your first year at Nebraska Law, you will take 30 credit hours designed to provide instruction in core subjects that are fundamental to legal practice. These courses will help you gain a broad understanding of subjects which not only prepare you for upper-level classes, but also for success on the bar exam and in the practice of law.

EXPERIENCE OUR SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Opportunities to receive personal attention and mentoring are available to help you as a student and as a future lawyer.

PRACTICE GROUPS

Each incoming student is assigned to a Practice Group. These small groups of first-year students are each led by a faculty advisor and two upper-class inclusive leadership fellows. Groups meet frequently to discuss law school in general, class preparation, and to answer questions you may have about practice areas or course selection.

ALUMNI MENTOR PROGRAM

You'll have an opportunity to be paired with an alumni mentor. Your mentor can help bridge the gap between law school theory and the practice of law. Mentors also serve as sounding boards and sources of support.

STUDENT MENTOR PROGRAM

One of our student organizations sponsors a Big/Little Mentor Program which pairs interested 1Ls with upper-class students to provide you with a familiar face who can offer advice on classes, clubs, activities, and how to navigate law school.



One of the greatest fears I had when first thinking about law school was that I would feel as if I did not belong or was an imposter. Fortunately, the first few people I met were members of the Multi-Cultural Legal Society who instantly went out of their way to make me feel like I belonged and dismissed any preconceived notions of who could go to law school.

JOSE JAIMES, '24



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Build community and strengthen your leadership skills by participating in various College of Law student organizations. Each organization gives you a chance to connect with students who may share common interests or similar identities and backgrounds, or may be nothing like you at all. You'll have the opportunity to stretch your strengths, take on leadership roles and collaborate with your peers.

Groups with a Practice Area Focus

- Environmental and Agricultural Law Society
- Federal Bar Association
- Global Trade Business Think Tank
- Health Law and Ethics
- International Law Student Association
- Nebraska Family Law Organization
- Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court
- Space, Cyber, and National Security Law Club
- Sports, Entertainment, and Business Law Association
- Student Intellectual Property Law Association

Religious Organizations

- Christian Legal Society
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- St. Thomas Moore Society

Political Societies

- American Constitution Society
- Federalist Society
- People's Parity Project

Social Organizations

- Delta Theta Phi
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Student Bar Association

Groups that Focus on Issues and Social Problems

- Anti-Trafficking Legal Advocacy Society
- Community Legal Education Project
- Equal Justice Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- University of Nebraska Innocence Project

Organizations that Promote Community and Belonging

- Armed Forces Legal Society
- Asian Pacific American Law Student Association
- Black Law Student Association
- Greater Nebraska Connections
- Hispanic Law Student Association
- Law Boardgame Club
- Law Student Parents & Caregivers
- Multi-Cultural Legal Society
- Muslim Law Students Association
- Nebraska OUTLaw
- Running from the Law
- Strengths Advocates
- Women's Law Caucus

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

We are committed to helping you develop as a student, lawyer and inclusive leader. Programming is provided during the first year that focuses on helping you bring your best self to the classroom. You will learn and develop the skills of self-assessment and reflection, time management, cultural competency, wellness, and leadership through small group discussions, strengths-based approaches to personal development, and advice on study methods. Beyond the first year, we will continue our support for your development through a number of leadership opportunities and further programs to deepen your understanding of your professional capacity. Throughout your law school career, our focus is on your intentional growth.



My mentor's journey has been very motivating because he's worked at many great places doing a lot of different things. And he still does a lot of pro bono work. Having that sort of role model to look up to and to gain that wisdom from is indispensable. You can't learn that in a classroom.

JOSEPH NIETO, '25



UPPER-LEVEL COURSEWORK AND CURRICULUM

After your 1L coursework is complete, you will enjoy the benefits of Nebraska Law’s broad curriculum, which gives you options for tailoring your education to meet your specific needs. More than half the credits you’ll need to graduate are elective, giving you tremendous flexibility.

Curriculum Breakdown	
First Year Required Courses	
Fundamental Legal Coursework	30
Second and Third Year Required Courses	
Legal Profession	3
Administrative Law	3
Cultural Competency Elective	3
Seminar Course Elective	3
Skills Electives	6
Elective/Focused Coursework	45
Total Credits	93

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Advocacy in Mediation
Arbitration
Mediation
Negotiations
Topics in Psychology: Conflict and Dispute Resolution

BUSINESS & CORPORATE

Business Associations
Business Planning
Construction Law
Construction Law Practice
Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions
Employee Benefits Law
Insurance Law
International Law
International Business Transactions
Nonprofit Organizations
Securities Regulation
Special Topics in International Trade
Sports Law
Taxation in Business Entities
Unfair Competition

CIVIL RIGHTS

Civil Rights Litigation
Economic Justice
Employment Discrimination
Poverty Law
Prison Law
Race & the Law

COMMERCIAL

Antitrust & Trade Regulations
Bankruptcy
Payment Systems
Regulation of Banks & the Fintech
Industry
Secured Transactions

CRIMINAL

Criminal Adjudication
Criminal Procedure
Criminal Sanctions
Human Rights & International Criminal Law
Juvenile Law

EMPLOYMENT & LABOR

Education Law
Employee Benefits Law
Employment Discrimination
Employment Law
Immigration Law
Labor Law

ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL RESOURCES

Agricultural Law
Environmental Law
Natural Resources Law
Special Topics in Property and Natural Resources Law
Water Law Planning & Policy

FAMILY

Family Law
Family Mediation
Juvenile Law
Topics in Psychology: Psychology and Family Law

HEALTHCARE

Healthcare Business Transactions
Health Law
Mental Health Law

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Intellectual Property Survey
Patent Law
Patent Practice & Innovation Management
Unfair Competition

INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE

Export Control
International Cyber Security
International Human Rights Law
International Law
International Satellite Communications
International Trade Law
Special Topics in International Trade

LEGAL PERSPECTIVES & ETHICS

Law & Behavioral Science
Mental Health Law

LEGAL PRACTICE

Clinical Practice: Children’s Justice
Clinical Practice: Criminal
Clinical Practice: Debtor Defense
Clinical Practice: Entrepreneurship
Clinical Practice: Estate Planning
Clinical Practice: First Amendment
Clinical Practice: Housing Justice
Clinical Practice: Immigration
Clinical Practice: Innocence Intentional Lawyering
Lawyers as Inclusive Leaders
Public Speaking for Lawyers
The Business of Law: Building a Successful Practice

LITIGATION

Advanced Legal Research
Client Interviewing & Counseling
Evidence
Federal Courts
Pretrial Litigation
Remedies & Damages
Trial Advocacy

PROPERTY

Estate Planning
Estate Planning Problems
Real Estate Transactions

PUBLIC LAW

Constitutional History
Constitutional Law II
Constitutional Problems
Criminal Procedure
Education Law
First Amendment
Native American Law
State & Local Government
Statutory Interpretation
Election Law
Legislation Seminar
Role of the State Attorney General

SPACE, CYBER, AND NATIONAL SECURITY LAW

Domestic Spectrum Law & Policy
Military Space Operations
National Security Law
National Security Space Law
Space Law
Telecommunications Law
U.S. Space Regulation and Policy

TAX

Employee Benefits Law
Farm & Ranch Tax
Individual Income Tax
State & Local Tax
Taxation in Business Entities

TECHNOLOGY

Cyberlaw
Cybersecurity and Sectoral Data Regulation
Privacy: Informational, Reputational, and Dignitary Harms
Speech & Media



The Marvin & Virginia Schmid Law Library is a hub for Nebraska Law. See the newly renovated space.



STRENGTHS DEVELOPMENT

Nebraska Law utilizes the Clifton Strengths™ assessment, which is based on over 40 years of research, as a tool for exploring and investing in talents. In addition to the four certified Strengths coaches on staff, training for administrators and staff has built the College's capacity for providing students with guided conversations that help them understand how their unique talents can impact their work, leadership style and life. Intentional use of Strengths is seen throughout the College:

- Strengths has been incorporated in the pedagogy used for the first-year Law Analysis, Writing and Research course.
- At the beginning of the second semester, every first-year student meets with a Strengths coach or advocate to reflect on their time in law school.
- Academic and career counselors use Strengths to guide students as they make decisions about courses to take and opportunities to explore.



LEARN TO LEAD

Developing substantive expertise is a critical component in your development as a leader. All Nebraska Law courses help students advance their ability to think like a lawyer, but four elective courses are designed specifically build and strengthen inclusive leadership skills.

EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW

This course focuses on the law's promises and its successes and failures in fulfilling those promises for all Americans - the rich and poor, young and old, regardless of race, gender, culture, religion or other attribute - across time.

LAWYERS AS INCLUSIVE LEADERS

Students in this course have a substantial opportunity to develop their professional identity as they reflect on and consider who they are, how they will interact with their stakeholders, build consensus, influence outcomes, and lead others in a variety of circumstances.

NONPROFIT BOARD FIELD PLACEMENT

Students participating in the nonprofit board service program serve a one-year term on a nonprofit board of directors. As with all Nebraska Law field placement opportunities, a classroom component is required. In the course students learn about the role of lawyers on boards and gain an understanding of the professional skills lawyers need to serve in this capacity.

RACE AND THE LAW SEMINAR

This seminar examines the intersection of race and the law, specifically, considering the role that the law has played and continues to play in the oppression, subordination, and promotion of people and groups based on race.



STUDENT WELLNESS AND WELLBEING

Mental, physical and financial wellness and wellbeing are important aspects of self-leadership. At Nebraska Law, we have committed to making wellbeing a part of our culture. Law students are often expected to juggle academics, extracurriculars, professional development, and physical and mental wellness all at once. We give students the tools to prioritize wellness during their time here and prepare them for life after law school.

MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Our student-led Mental Health Committee advocates for mental, physical, economic, and social wellness. The committee organizes a biannual Mental Health and Wellness week filled with campus walks, workshops, and self-care activities.

WELLNESS ROOM

The Schmid Law Library houses our Wellness Room, a space for respite, relaxation, and quiet. The Wellness Room provides a break from the commotion of law school. Students can attend meditation sessions led by Dean Moberly and monthly yoga classes.

WELLNESS DIGEST

The College of Law communications team distributes a weekly Wellness Digest filled with tips, articles, and campus events focused on wellbeing.



THE NEBRASKA LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NLAP)

The Nebraska Lawyers Assistance Program is a free and confidential resource for lawyers, judges, and law students. Office hours are available at the law school to address issues such as stress, anxiety, depression, substance use orders, and any other concerns our students may have.

CAMPUS RECREATION

The East Campus Rec Center is located near the law school and houses state-of-the-art facilities and fitness classes throughout the semester. Students also have access to the City Campus Rec Center and Outdoor Adventures Center.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

Students can utilize the resources of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), a multidisciplinary team of psychologists and counselors that work to help students explore their feelings and thoughts and learn helpful ways to improve their mental, psychological, and emotional well-being when issues arise. Most services with CAPS are completely covered by student fees. This includes individual counseling, support groups, and therapy groups.



CLINICS

Our robust clinical programs give third-year students the opportunity to represent actual clients. Faculty members provide valuable and unique learning experiences as they supervise students working on real cases. Nebraska Law offers nine clinical programs based on faculty availability and student interest. Each program is designed to replicate what a new attorney might face in the first few years of practice.

Clinics available in 2024-2025

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| ▪ Children's Justice Clinic | ▪ First Amendment Clinic |
| ▪ Criminal Clinic | ▪ Housing Justice Clinic |
| ▪ Debtor Defense Clinic | ▪ Immigration Clinic |
| ▪ Weibling Entrepreneurship Clinic | ▪ Innocence Clinic |
| ▪ Estate Planning Clinic | |



Learn more about how Nebraska Law's clinical programs are helping our community.



In their clinical work, students gain the opportunity to use a state-of-the-art client management software system. This system provides a central hub for contracts, timekeeping information, client profiles, and more. Understanding this platform gives our students an advantage as they enter the workforce and makes them one step closer to practice-ready, as many legal professionals use systems like this every day.



I chose the Entrepreneurship Clinic to learn more about Corporate Law and gain experience working directly with clients, but I also learned about business entities, non-profits, and intellectual property, as well as law office skills such as client intake, timekeeping, and file management systems. The E-Clinic was one of my best experiences at the College of Law.

SAMER SALMAN , '25



FOCUS YOUR CURRICULUM OR DEVELOP YOUR SPECIALIZATION

JOINT DEGREES

If you are interested in working within a practice area that is so specific that you'd like to earn a master's (or, in the case of psychology, a doctorate) in a subject alongside working towards your JD, you will want to consider pursuing a joint degree. Combine your JD with another graduate degree in one of our established joint degrees listed below, or inquire about a subject area not listed, as we may be able to assist you in creating a joint degree that fits your interests.

- Law & Business Administration
- Law & Community and Regional Planning
- Law & Gerontology
- Law & History
- Law & Journalism and Mass Communication
- Law & Political Science
- Law & Psychology (Master's or Doctorate)
- Law & Public Accountancy

*Joint degrees require application and admission to both the College of Law and the respective graduate program.



I would recommend anyone interested in both business and law to explore the joint program. In a future hypercompetitive labor market, having both degrees not only assures your unique marketability to employers but also broadens your potential employment opportunities.

DALLAS JONES, '25



Nebraska's Space Law concentration offers a unique opportunity to study the intersection of the law and space exploration. I have always been interested in both topics, and here I can merge those two into a career. The program offers a comprehensive curriculum and impressive faculty that will provide me with a well-rounded understanding of the legal complexities surrounding the space industry as it expands into the future.

KEEGAN HUFFMAN, '25



PROGRAMS OF CONCENTRATED STUDY

You can customize your legal education to focus on a specific practice area. Four ready-made areas of concentration are available, or you may wish to work with a professor to create a unique program that prepares you to focus on the issues and problems that most intrigue you. Choose one of the following or design your own!



Business Transactions



Litigation Skills



Intellectual Property



Solo/Small Firm Practice

Examples of individualized programs created by our students and their faculty advisor:

- Agricultural Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Civil Rights
- Compliance
- Criminal Law
- Constitutional Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Healthcare Law
- Human Resource Law
- Immigration Law
- International Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Natural Resources Law
- Public Interest Law
- Real Estate Law
- Space, Cyber, and National Security Law
- Sports Law
- Taxation
- Wealth Management

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Throughout your time as a student at Nebraska Law, the Career Development Office (CDO) will interact with you to offer you opportunities for networking, interviewing, and job search preparation. Career advisors work with you at the start of your law school experience to develop a legal resume, and again during your final year of law school to understand your career objectives and offer support as needed.

CDO OFFERINGS/PROGRAMMING



On-Campus Interviews



Career Exploration Programs



Traditional and Speed Networking



Spring Break Shadow Program



Career Fairs



The Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) student organization manages our Career Closet, which provides free gently used or new business formal clothing to students at Nebraska Law. Students are able to select items for on-campus interviews, career fairs or other professional activities.

PICK YOUR PATH

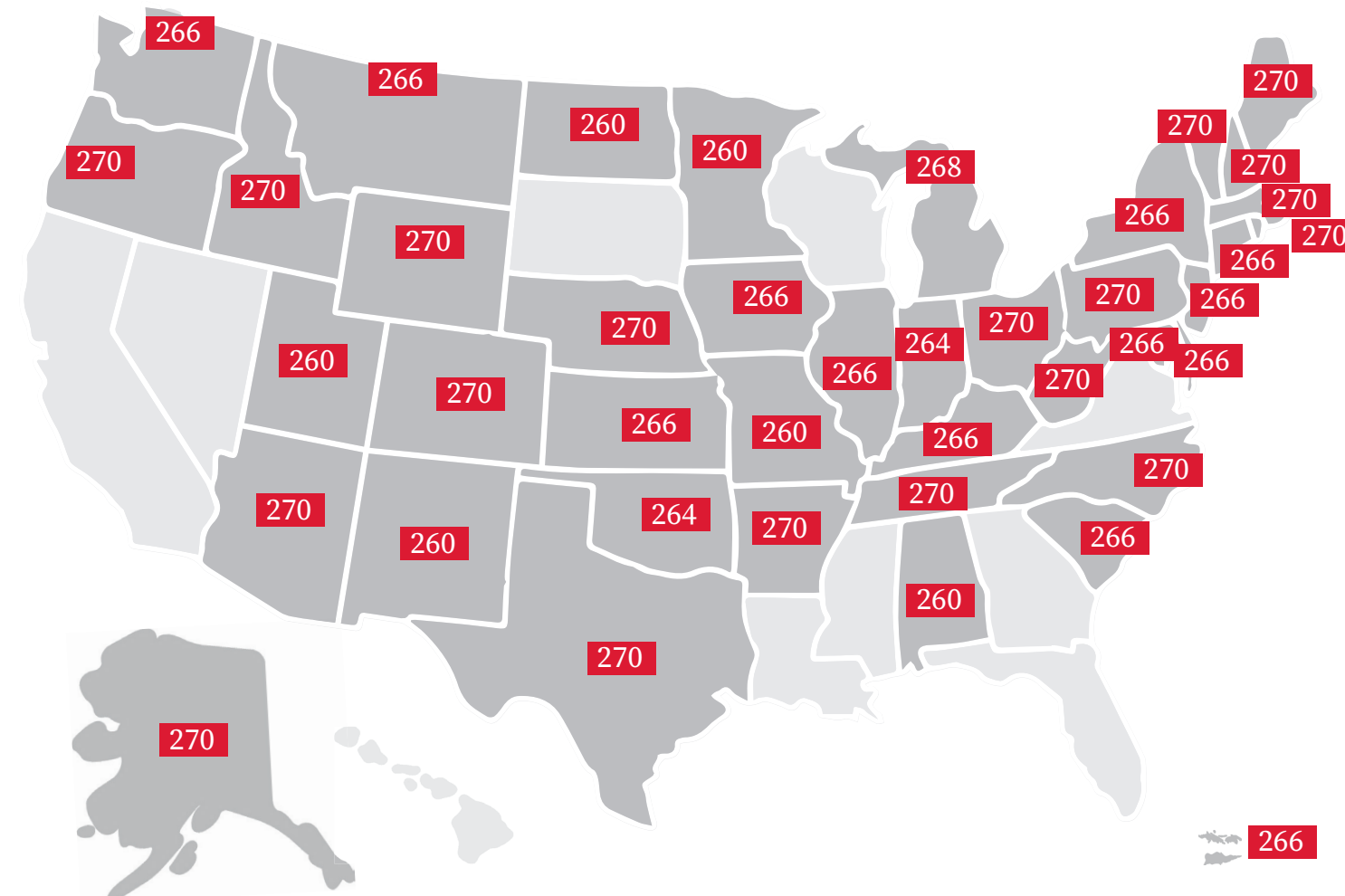
Do you want to stay in Nebraska?

Many students do find they want to at least start their careers here in this state where the opportunities are abundant, the quality of life is exceptional, and the cost of living is relatively low. The CDO hosts events that allow you to network and meet people who can help you launch your work as a lawyer. Many of our graduates take positions in Omaha and Lincoln, but each year a number of alumni take employment in smaller Nebraska communities as well.

Do you want to be somewhere other than Nebraska?

CDO will coach you through the process of connecting with people in the city where you want to live so that you can land the job you want. Our alumni are employed in every state of the U.S. and in a number of countries abroad. With a Nebraska Law degree you can go where you want to go, whether that is Washington, DC, New York, Los Angeles, or somewhere entirely different.

Nebraska is one of the 39 states (plus DC and the U.S. Virgin Islands) to have adopted the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE). Passing the bar exam in Nebraska and obtaining licensure, means that you may have the ability to transfer licensure to another of the UBE states. The UBE states and their respective bar exam passing scores are below.



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AND SERVE YOUR
COMMUNITY WITH
INTEGRITY



PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Students selected to participate in our Public Interest Scholars program have demonstrated exceptional dedication to public service. The program fosters that commitment during a student's time in law school through financial support, mentoring, individualized assistance, and unique programming and networking opportunities. Our hope is that these students will become leaders within the Nebraska Law community, and eventually, the public interest and public service legal communities as well.

PRO BONO WORK

Through our pro bono initiative, many law students begin to explore the real-world applications of the law as soon as their first semester. Students earn credit towards a pro bono certificate while supporting work being done in the community. Although most pro bono experiences qualify for credit, Nebraska Law's established programs tackle problems like landlord-tenant disputes, debtor defense, volunteer tax assistance, citizenship applications, and the opportunity for law students to present in elementary classrooms on topics related to the law.

THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FUND

Nebraska Law is committed to advancing justice and supports those students who wish to pursue public service careers. The Nebraska Public Interest Law Fund (NPILF) provides stipends to students who want to spend summers working in a nonprofit or government organization. Recent funding has supported students working in such places as:

- Center for Legal Immigration Assistance (Lincoln, NE)
- Nebraska League of Women Voters (Lincoln, NE)
- Legal Aid of Nebraska (Lincoln and Omaha, NE)
- Environmental Law & Policy Center (Chicago, IL)
- International Legal Foundation (New York, NY)
- United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (New York, NY)
- The Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office (Los Angeles, CA)



Learn more about private
scholarships offered to
Nebraska Law students.

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I pursued a summer position in Washington, D.C. at the Department of Justice in the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section because I am deeply passionate about issues surrounding child abuse, and it allowed me to build on my prior experience serving victims of violent crime as a social worker. I worked closely with federal trial attorneys on complex issues, developed my legal research and writing skills, and began laying the foundation for a meaningful career in public service.

MIKAYLA JONES, '25





JOIN US AT NEBRASKA LAW

- Apply between September 1st and March 1st.
- Visit [LSAC.org](https://lsac.org) and create an account.
- Explore dates and registration deadlines for the LSAT.
- Prepare for the LSAT and take the exam.
- Sign up for LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS).
- Submit two to four letters of recommendation.
- Submit a personal statement of 2 to 3 double-spaced pages.
- Request transcripts from all undergraduate institutions where you have credits (including college courses taken for credit while in high school).
- Complete the online application for Nebraska Law and attach all relevant documents.
- After you have submitted your application, complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid at fafsa.ed.gov.
- Visit Nebraska Law. See the options at law.unl.edu/schedule-visit.



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In making admission decisions, the Admissions Committee attempts to identify as best it can those applicants who have the ability to compete successfully in a rigorous academic environment, to contribute to a diverse intellectual community, and to engage successfully in the career of their choice in an increasingly diverse society. Because these characteristics are not always captured by an applicant's LSAT score or overall grade point average, the Committee considers any upward or downward trend in the applicant's academic performance over time, the quality of the applicant's undergraduate institution, the applicant's major and activities, letters of recommendation, personal statement, educational or economic disadvantages the applicant has overcome to obtain an undergraduate education, status as the first generation in a family to graduate from college or university or attend law school, commitment of future service to underserved communities, and any other information other than race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin supplied by the applicant.

Neither the Committee nor the College seeks to obtain any particular number or percentage of diverse candidates, but they do seek a diverse mix of students to ensure that the College has a sufficient range of background and experience in its student body to permit a deep, broad, and vigorous intellectual environment. As this description indicates, the admissions process is flexible, no particular factor in itself determines admission or non-admission, and the Committee has sufficient discretion to consider each applicant individually on the basis of the entire file.

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