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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

7:30am – 8:00am	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b> Sponsored by <b>Rimkus Consulting Group</b>	<b>CLE General 4.5 Hours</b> <b>CLE Ethics 1.25 Hours</b>
8:00am – 8:10 am	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Tara Tesmer Paulson, NDCA President Tanya J. Hansen, NDCA President-Elect and Seminar Chair	
8:10am – 8:30am	<b>Legislative Update</b> <b>Speaker:</b> Brent T. Smoyer, Remolt Ludtke LLP	
8:30am – 9:15am	<b>Effective Preparation to Maximize the Usefulness of an Expert</b> This presentation will provide substantive, technical, strategic, and tactical considerations for successfully using expert witnesses in all types of civil litigation. It will cover the ethical rules pertaining to the use of expert witness as well as expert issues in investigations, reports, depositions, and trial. <b>Speaker:</b> Robert Foster, Rimkus Consulting Group	
9:15am – 10:15am	<b>Expert Witnesses – Yours and Theirs Part One</b> The Panel will discuss the use of experts generally, including important differences between expert discovery in federal court and state court. Each panel member will then discuss the use of specific types of experts, including medical, engineering and reconstructionist experts. Panelists will discuss working with your expert in developing their reports and testimony, including the exploration of how to effectively interweave legal defense concepts into the expert testimony. <b>Speakers:</b> Julie Jorgensen, Evans & Dixon, LLC Mark A. Christensen, Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather David C. Mullin, Fraser Stryker, PC LLO	
10:15am – 10:30am	<b>Coffee &amp; Networking Break</b> Sponsored by <b>ESi</b>	
10:30am – 11:30am	<b>Expert Witnesses – Yours and Theirs Part Two</b>	
11:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Nebraska Appellate Case Law Update – Top Decisions of the Past Year</b> A fast-paced review of appellate cases from the Nebraska Supreme Court and Court of Appeals during the past year, covering jurisdiction, appellate practice, and substantive defense issues. <b>Speakers:</b> Jared Krejci, Smith, Johnson, Allen, Connick & Hansen Mary M. Schott, Evans & Dixon	
12:00pm – 12:45pm	<b>Lunch Provided by NDCA</b> Sponsored by <b>Great Plains Reporting</b>	

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE *continued*

12:45pm – 1:00pm

## **Awards and Business Meeting**

Tanya J. Hansen, Smith, Johnson, Allen, Connick & Hansen

1:00pm – 2:00pm

## **Preparing for Court: Courtroom Expectations**

This session will offer practical instruction and valuable insights directly from Nebraska judges who preside over civil cases. Learn what judges really think about essential topics, such as: 1) what “best practices” make lawyers stand out in court; 2) how to avoid mistakes judges see in court; 3) what conduct is and is not appropriate courtroom decorum; 4) how lawyers can best present their case; 5) how to dodge pitfalls at trial and in motion practice, and 6) what lawyers can do to help the bar preserve professionalism and high ethical standards.

**Speakers:** The Honorable Francie Riedmann  
The Honorable Rachel A. Daugherty

2:00pm – 2:15pm

## **Coffee Break and Networking**

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2:15pm – 3:30

## **The Practical and Ethical Implications of Technology in Your Law Practice**

**Practical Implications:** As technology usage continues to expand in society, it will continue to impact the practice of law. From the type of evidence that can be important in a case to how that evidence is presented in a courtroom, all will continue to evolve. This presentation will discuss the impact technology has had on the rules of evidence and court rules, how evidence is presented in trial and preserved for appeal, and special considerations for a changing technology landscape.

**Ethical Implications:** By virtue of our Duty of Competence and Duty to Supervise, lawyers today cannot afford to misuse the tools at their disposal. This presentation will discuss the ethical duty of technology competence in Nebraska. The presentation will discuss what this ethical duty means in relation to the technical tools at an attorney’s disposal, and tips for how to use these tools competently to ensure you are meeting your ethical duties.

**Speakers:** The Honorable William B. Cassel  
Mark Weber, Counsel for Discipline

3:45pm

## **Cocktail Reception Networking**

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## LOCATION

The Nebraska Defense Counsel Association Annual Meeting and Seminar will be held on Friday, June 3, 2022 at

Embassy Suites Omaha La Vista  
Hotel & Conference Center  
12520 Westport Parkway  
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See following page for more hotel information.



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Nebraska Defense Counsel Association Annual Meeting and Seminar (In-Person or Virtual Option)

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## Registration

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## Directions

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## Hotel Accommodations

A limited number of discounted hotel rooms have been made available at [Embassy Suites by Hilton Omaha La Vista Hotel & Conference Center](#), 12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, Nebraska, 68128. To take advantage of the group rate of \$139 single/double, call 1-800-EMBASSY and request the Nebraska Defense Counsel Association guest room block or [click here \(Embassy Suites Omaha La Vista Hotel & Conference Center\)](#) to register online. The hotel block is limited and rooms and rates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. You must make reservations by May 20, 2022, to be eligible for the group rate. Requests for reservations made after May 20 are subject to room and rate availability.

A small portion of your room rate offsets the costs of the seminar.

## Cancellation/Refund Policy

The registration fee is fully refundable for cancellations received on or before May 20, 2022. Cancellations received after May 20, 2022 and on or before May 31, 2022, will receive a refund, less a \$100 processing fee. Cancellations made after May 31, 2022, will not receive a refund. All cancellations and requests for refunds must be made in writing. Fax 312.795.0747 or email [executivedirector@nebraskadefense.org](mailto:executivedirector@nebraskadefense.org). Processing of refunds will occur within four weeks after the date of the seminar. All refunds will be processed in the same manner that the payment was received. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge and must be submitted in writing.

## Questions

If you have any questions regarding the 2022 NDCA Annual Meeting please email [executivedirector@nebraskadefense.org](mailto:executivedirector@nebraskadefense.org) or call 312.698.6207.





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**Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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