

DANIEL D. JEWELL

The Dan Jewell Trial Institute is funded through a generous gift from the late Dan Jewell, a respected attorney and trial lawyer from Norfolk. Dan joined the Navy in 1942 and took part in the Invasion of Normandy on D-Day. Upon returning from his Navy service, Dan graduated with his J.D. from the University of Nebraska in 1949.

Dan was a member of the International Society of Barristers and a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Dan served on the Nebraska State Bar Foundation Board for over 20 years.

Dan was an avid outdoorsman and adventurer who loved to share his passion with his friends and family. He was never afraid to express his opinion, accompanied by his quick wit and unique sense of humor. Dan left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

The Nebraska State Bar Foundation recognizes this generosity. Dan was a fierce advocate in the Nebraska Courtrooms and was committed to the profession and the advancement of the trial craft.



Message from **SHAYLA M. REED, Lincoln**

Chair, Dan Jewell Education Committee

On behalf of the Bar Foundation, I'm pleased to serve as Chair of the 2025 Dan Jewell Trial Institute. The best way to become a skilled trial lawyer is through hands-on practice in a realistic courtroom setting — and that's exactly what this program offers. Participants will engage in a mock trial, guided by an experienced attorney coach, with a real-life judge presiding. You'll refine your litigation strategy, master courtroom

advocacy, and receive invaluable feedback from seasoned trial attorneys and judges. This is a rare opportunity to sharpen your skills in a high-pressure but risk-free environment. Whether you're refining your skills or stepping into the courtroom for the first time, this hands-on experience will help you gain confidence and strengthen your litigation and advocacy abilities. I encourage you to take advantage of this invaluable opportunity!

Shayla Reed founded Reed Law Offices, and her practice focuses exclusively on nursing home neglect and abuse cases. She received her J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1999. Ms. Reed serves on the American Association for Justice (AAJ) National College of Advocacy Board of Trustees and has taught trial advocacy skills at many CLE programs including AAJ's Ultimate Trial Advocacy Course: The Art of Persuasion held at Harvard Law School. She is past Chair of the American Association for Justice Nursing Home Litigation Group. Ms. Reed is a graduate of the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College. She is a member of the AAJ, NATA and is a Bar Foundation Lifetime Fellow.

NEBRASKA STATE BAR FOUNDATION

2025



Dan Jewell Trial Institute



JULY 14-15, 2025
Scott Conference Center
Omaha

Tuition: \$250

CLE Credit: 10.5 hours, approved
by the Nebraska Supreme Court MCLE
Commission.

Application:

Please scan the QR
code for the application.

**Applications due
by April 28th, 2025.**

A total of 12 applicants
will be accepted.



Materials: Course materials will be sent electronically in advance of the Institute. Each attorney participant is required to bring a laptop and the course materials to the Institute.

Questions: Contact Doris Huffman
at 402-475-1042 or email
danjewelltrialinstitute@nebarfnd.org.

The Dan Jewell Trial Institute is designed to help less experienced Nebraska lawyers enhance their legal skills necessary to try a lawsuit. Attorney participants have an opportunity to:

- **Examine and impanel a six-person jury**
- **Deliver opening statements**
- **Call, examine and cross examine witnesses**
- **Produce deposition evidence**
- **Offer exhibits**
- **Review instructions and argue the case**

Issues presented in the selected case, which involves a contested will, are (1) whether the decedent has testamentary capacity, and (2) whether the will offered was procured by undue influence. A Nebraska judge will preside over the trial.

Each attorney participant is assigned a mentor who will critique the participant's performance. Each trial will have two attorney participants representing the proponent and two attorney participants representing the opponent of the will, in this case.

DAN JEWELL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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DAN JEWELL TRIAL INSTITUTE JUDGES



HON. ANDREW R. JACOBSEN
Lincoln

Hon. Andrew Jacobsen was appointed to the 3rd Judicial District in Lancaster County in 2011. He received his law degree in 1989 from the University of Nebraska College of Law. Prior to being appointed to the bench, he served as the Deputy County Attorney of Lancaster County from 1990 to 2011. Judge Jacobsen served as an instructor of the Trial Advocacy at The National Advocacy Center in South Carolina from 2002-2005. He also served as a presiding judge of the Lancaster County Adult Drug Court from 2016 to 2024. Judge Jacobsen is a Master of the Bench for the Robert Van Pelt Inns of Court. He is a member of the NSBA and a member of the District Court Judges Association.



HON. ANDREA D. MILLER
Gering

Hon. Andrea Miller is a District Court Judge for the 12th Judicial District. She received her law degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 2006. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she worked at the law firm of Simmons Olsen. Judge Miller is a member of the Scotts Bluff County Bar Association, NSBA and the District Judges Association. She serves in the House of Delegates and is co-chair of the Consortium of Tribal, State and Federal Courts. Judge Miller is a Past Chair of the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs and was a Bar Foundation Standing Bear Scholarship recipient. She received the 2011 Monument Business and Professional Women Young Careerist. Judge Miller is a Bar Foundation Fellow.



HON. FRANCIE C. RIEDMANN
Omaha

Hon. Francie Riedmann serves as Chief Judge of the Nebraska Court of Appeals, representing the 3rd Judicial District. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she was in private practice in the Omaha law firms of Gross & Welch and Blackwell Sanders. She received her J.D. from Creighton University School of Law (summa cum laude) in 1993. Judge Riedmann is a Lifetime Bar Foundation Fellow and a Litigation Counsel of America Fellow. She has received the American Jurisprudence Award (Trusts and Estates, Property, and Insurance), and she was on the Creighton Law Review Associate Staff. Judge Riedmann is Co-Chair of the Nebraska Supreme Court's Commission on Children in the Courts. She formerly served on the JUSTICE County Court and District Court Automation Committees and the Supreme Court Technology Committee. Judge Riedmann volunteers to judge at the Judge Lyle Strom High School Mock Trial Program.

PROGRAM

DAY 1

8:00 a.m. Welcome; Trial
8:30 a.m. Voir Dire; Jury Selection
10:15 a.m. Recess (15 min.)
10:30 a.m. Opening Statements and Examination of Witnesses
Noon – 1 p.m. Lunch
1:15 p.m. Trial
2:45 p.m. Recess (15 min.)
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Trial

DAY 2

8:30 a.m. Trial and Arguments
10:15 a.m. Recess (15 min.)
10:30 a.m. Arguments and Critiques
Noon Recognition Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Adjourn

DAN JEWELL TRIAL INSTITUTE MENTORS



KAREN K. BAILEY
Omaha

Karen Bailey is a Partner at Bailey Law. Her practice focuses on insurance defense litigation and coverage matters. She is a 2004 graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law. Ms. Bailey serves on the Nebraska Defense Counsel Association Board of Directors and is Past President. She is also a member of the

Claims and Litigation Management Alliance and Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys. Ms. Bailey was appointed to the Nebraska Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and is a Bar Foundation Lifetime Fellow. She has also received her designation as a Certified Litigation Management Professional through the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance.



TANYA J. HANSEN
Grand Island

Tanya Hansen is a Partner at Smith, Johnson, Allen, Connick, & Hansen in Grand Island where she concentrates her work on Civil Litigation and Employment Law. She received her law degree from the University of Iowa in 2005. Ms. Hansen is a member of the Hall County Bar Association, NATA, the Nebraska Defense Counsel Association

and the ABA. She served as President for the NDCA, Chair of the Nebraska State Bar Commission, and served on the Federal Practice and Procedure Committee. Ms. Hansen is also a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Defense Research Institute. She is a Lifetime Fellow of the Bar Foundation.



STEVEN M. DELANEY
Bellevue

Steve Delaney is a Partner at Reagan, Melton & Delaney. His practice focuses on both civil and criminal cases. Mr. Delaney has tried cases involving capital murder, breach of contract, family law, construction defect litigation, insurance litigation, traumatic brain injury, and motor vehicle accidents. He serves as counsel

for law enforcement officers for the Fraternal Order of Police. Mr. Delaney received his J.D. from Creighton University School of Law in 1988. He is a member of NCDAA, NATA, NSBA, ABOTA and the National Trial Lawyers Association. Several of Mr. Delaney's cases have been cited by the Court in subsequent decisions, including one which has been cited positively 27 times in both Nebraska and the Kansas Court of Appeals. Mr. Delaney is a Bar Foundation Fellow.



RONALD F. KRAUSE
Omaha

Ron Krause is a Partner with Cassem, Tierney, Adams, Gotch & Douglas. He is primarily a defense lawyer having appellate, trial and litigation experience with emphasis in personal injury, product liability, professional malpractice, construction and insurance law in state and federal courts. He received his J.D. with

distinction from the Nebraska College of Law in 1979. Mr. Krause is an American College Trial Lawyers Fellow, an Advocate in and Past President of the Nebraska Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. He was named Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers for Personal Injury Litigation-Defendants Omaha (2017 and 2023). Mr. Krause serves on the Bar Foundation Board as its Treasurer and is a Lifetime Fellow.



STEPHEN S. GEALY
Lincoln

Stephen Gealy is Of Counsel with Baylor Evnen Wolf & Tannehill. He is a defense lawyer and mediator whose trial experience has ranged from soft tissue injury and minor property damage claims to catastrophic injury and wrongful death suits, many of

which have involved the commercial transportation industry. He received his J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1982. Mr. Gealy is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, an Emeritus Fellow of the International Society of Barristers, a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and a diplomate member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals. He serves as the Bar Foundation's Vice President and is a Lifetime Fellow.



MELANIE J. WHITTAMORE-MANTZIOS, Lincoln

Melanie Whittamore-Mantzios is a partner with Baylor Evnen Wolfe & Tannehill. She received her J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1988. Ms. Whittamore-Mantzios has prosecuted and defended professional licensure, employment, civil rights and personal injury claims

through arbitration, hearing, trial and on appeal. She is experienced in premises liability and construction defect cases. Ms. Whittamore-Mantzios served as an arbitrator and hearing officer. She is a member of LBA, NDCA, NATA, NSBA, ABOTA, and DRI. Ms. Whittamore-Mantzios is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Bar Foundation. She is a former member of the Robert Van Pelt Inn of Court. Ms. Whittamore-Mantzios is the Past President of the Nebraska Chapter of ABOTA and the Federal Practice Committee.

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**JULY 14
AND 15, 2025**

**Scott
Conference
Center
Omaha**

"The Dan Jewell Trial Institute gave me the opportunity to learn from skilled attorneys and respective judges. Going into the process, I was not sure what to expect or if it would be beneficial. It ended up being one of the best learning experiences I have had post law school."

— *Callie Kanthack*
Lamson Dugan, Omaha

"The Dan Jewell Trial Institute gives young lawyers the opportunity to fully prepare and try a case, an invaluable experience in learning and honing trial practice skills. The Bar Foundation did a great job organizing the event. The judges and mentors offered many lessons from their extensive trial-practice experience, which I expect to use for the rest of my career. It was a fun and enjoyable two days."

— *Amy M. Locher*
Locher Pavelka Dostal Braddy & Hammes,
Omaha

"The Dan Jewell Trial Institute is the best opportunity available for young Nebraska attorneys to practice and develop jury trial skills. Honestly, it's not for everyone."

— *Jonathan D. Urbom*
Dowding, Dowding,
Dowding & Urbom, Lincoln

"I have no doubt that I will benefit from my experience at the Dan Jewell Trial Institute for my entire career. The detailed instruction and feedback from two eminent trial attorneys—plus a federal court judge—absolutely transformed my trial practice. I highly recommend this Institute."

— *Cameron E. Guenzel*
Johnson Flodman Guenzel & Widger, Lincoln