



## Nebraska is Agriculture

For 500 miles from east to west, Nebraska is agriculture. Rich loamy soils and abundant water have allowed Nebraskans to prosper since the first sod was broken in the 1860's. Once considered part of the Great American Desert, Nebraska is now a leading farming and ranching state.

While the land has sustained Nebraskans for generations, there have also been conflicts. Water rights, boundary issues, land use and hunting rights are just a few of the concerns that the Knudsen Law Firm attorneys have handled for their clients.

Today, the Knudsen Law Firm's Agricultural Law Practice Group serves those involved in all aspects of agriculture. The group is a collection of professionals with broad and diverse experience in issues such as:

- Business planning
- Land use
- Litigation
- Real estate
- Water law
- Insurance
- Estate and succession planning
- Asset protection
- Bankruptcy
- Lending
- Permitting

**LEROY SIEVERS** has practiced at every level of State and Federal Court including the U. S. Supreme Court. For more than 25 years LeRoy has worked on projects in every corner of the state—from Mitchell to Tekamah and from the Niobrara River to the Republican River. LeRoy has represented farmers and ranchers, irrigation districts, political subdivisions and the State of Nebraska in water and environmental law including:

- Water rights
- Challenges to federal agency and state actions
- Inverse condemnation and land use
- Boundary issues
- Hunting rights
- Chemical migration problems

A native Nebraskan and part owner and active operator of a tree farm, LeRoy has first hand experience in issues that face ag producers.

**TREV PETERSON** joined the firm nearly 30 years ago and has represented agricultural lenders and producers through the upswings and downturns that are common in an agricultural economy.

Trev helps farm owners take advantage of incorporation and other legal entities to limit personal liability and aid in succession planning. He handles matters relating to farm purchases and sales, boundary disputes, adverse possession and leasing. Farmers and ranchers may also profit from Trev's experience if bankruptcy or reorganization of operations is under consideration.

A lifelong Nebraskan, Trev lectures extensively on real estate, commercial loan documentation and bankruptcy.

**RICK REIER** focuses on commercial and real estate lending. He has represented both lenders and borrowers across Nebraska in agricultural lending.

Rick's agricultural law experience includes:

- Work with confined livestock operations on permitting, zoning and environmental matters
- Loan and security structuring and documentation
- Farm leases
- Real estate sales and purchase agreements

## Preparing the way *Forward*

### Meet the Ag. Law Practice Group:

**JEANELLE LUST** is an experienced trial lawyer as well as managing partner of the firm. Her work includes extensive activity in crop and livestock lien protection in Nebraska. Among her most notable verdicts are a \$3.5 million arbitration judgment arising from a feed lot embezzlement and a \$5.7 million judgment against a lender for fraud in the downfall of a custom cattle feeder.

A native of rural South Dakota, Jeanelle was one of the first lawyers to be accepted as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers.



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