

## **THE RURAL PRACTICE INITIATIVE (RPI)**

Once in law school, you can benefit from the Nebraska State Bar Association's RPI program. Like RLOP, RPI aims to increase the number of attorneys practicing in underserved communities. Through RPI, law students can:

- Seek summer clerkships and associate positions in rural Nebraska through in-person interviews arranged by the Bar Association;
- Network with existing attorneys in rural Nebraska; and
- Learn about law student loan forgiveness options that may be available to lawyers practicing in underserved communities.

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# **Law Practice in Rural Nebraska**



## **OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND**



### DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

1. More than 50% of Nebraska’s attorneys practice in Omaha and around 22% practice in Lincoln. That means there is one attorney for every 221 residents in Omaha and Lincoln, compared to one attorney for every 702 residents in the remaining 91 counties.
2. Currently, there are 11 counties with **NO** attorneys and 19 counties with 3 or fewer attorneys.
3. Cherry County (which is larger in area than Delaware and Rhode Island *combined*) has only 11 attorneys.
4. Residents in rural Nebraska may travel hundreds of miles to obtain legal help.

### OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

Many rural attorneys in Nebraska are nearing retirement, but have no one to take over servicing their

clients. This translates to tremendous opportunities for new and younger practitioners. Rural practitioners can earn great incomes while still enjoying the benefits of small town living.

### THE RURAL LAW OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (RLOP)

RLOP aims to ensure all Nebraskans have access to legal representation by encouraging the practice of law in the state’s rural communities. RLOPs are available through:

- Chadron State College;
- University of Nebraska at Kearney; and
- Wayne State College.

### RLOP STUDENTS:

- Receive scholarships to fund their undergraduate education; and
- Obtain **automatic** admission to the University of Nebraska College of Law if they:

- Maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA;
- Obtain a minimum LSAT score; and
- Meet other minor law school application criteria.
- Visit the Law College for guest lectures, special court proceedings, class viewings and networking activities;
- Meet one-on-one with Law College administrators and admissions representatives; and
- Have the opportunity to participate in rural Nebraska internships.

### NEBRASKA COLLEGE OF LAW

Nebraska College of Law has been named #1 Best Value Law School in the U.S. based on its low tuition rates, low cost of living, high bar passage rates, J.D. career placements, and low student debt upon graduation.

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