



## Honorable William B. Cassel

### Judgeship

2004 – present

Judge of the Court of Appeals, [3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District](#)

1992 – 2004

Judge of the District Court, [8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District](#)

### Experience

1981 – 1992

Johnstown, NE

1981 – 1992

Long Pine, NE

1979 – 1992

Ainsworth, NE

**City Attorney**

1979 – 1992

Ainsworth, NE

**Private practice of law**

### Education

**University of Nebraska College of Law, 1979**

Juris Doctorate  
with distinction

**University of Nebraska, 1977**

Bachelor of Science  
with distinction

Nebraska Law Review, Associate Editor

Order of the Coif

National Moot Court Team

### Judicial/Law Related Activities

#### Professional Affiliations

Nebraska State Bar Association

House of Delegates, 1983 - 1992

Real Estate Practice Guidelines Committee, 1987-1997 (chair  
1988-1990)

Special Legal Services/Lawyer Referral Advisory Committee,  
1987-1989 (chair, 1987-1988)

Special Committee on Nebraska Rules of Civil Procedure, 1987-1991

Committee on Membership Services, 1990-1992

Committee on Legislation, 1990-1992

Special Committee on Judicial Redistricting, 1991-1992

Judiciary Committee, 1999-2005

American Bar Association

Northern Eighth Judicial District Bar Association

President, 1984-1985

Madison County Bar Association

#### **Nebraska District Court Judges Association, 1992-2004**

Child Support Guidelines Committee, 1993

Judicial Statistics and Redistricting Committee, 1994

Uniform Rules Committee, 1994

Education Committee, 1995-2004

#### **Nebraska Supreme Court Committees**

Committee on Technology, 1999-present (chair, 2004-present)

Appellate Courts Case Management System Automation  
Committee, 2010-present

JUSTICE District Court Automation Committee, 2012-present

JUSTICE County Court Automation Committee, 2012-present

Automation Advisory Committee, 1995-2012

Judicial Ethics Committee, 2002-2004, 2007-present (vice chair,  
2012-present)

Child Support Task Force, 1999

Committee on Pro Se Litigation, 2001-2004

Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court, master of the bench,  
Learned Hand Team, 2005-2011

Nebraska Registered Abstracter (inactive status since 1992)

Nebraska Association of Bank Attorneys, former member

Nebraska Council of School Attorneys, former member

Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, former member

Association of Trial Lawyers of America, former member

2011 Nebraska Supreme Court Distinguished Judge for  
Improvement of the Judiciary, co-recipient

American Bar Foundation Fellow, elected 2005

2002 Nebraska Supreme Court Distinguished Judge for Service to  
the Community, co-recipient

2002 Nebraska State Bar Foundation award for service on host  
committee for 2001 National High School Mock Trial Competition

#### **Honors and Awards**

Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow, elected 1994

### **Community Service**

Ainsworth Airport Authority, 1980-1992  
Nebraska High School Mock Trial Project  
Regional Coordinator, 1992-2003  
Assistant coach for national competition, 1998, 2003  
Presiding judge for local, regional, state, and national competitions, frequently, 1992-present  
Guest lecturer, high school government classes  
Church choir member for more than 32 years  
Guest speaker, Memorial Day ceremony

### **Teaching and Publishing**

Guest lecturer, frequently, UNL College of Law, on trial and appellate advocacy  
Guest lecturer, annually 2007-2010, University of Nebraska Medical Center, on "Nebraska Court System"  
Lecturer, annually, NSBA Leadership Academy, "Technology in Nebraska Courts,"  
Lecturer, frequently, New Judge Orientation for Nebraska Trial Court Judges, on "Appeals"  
Lecturer, 2008, New Judge Orientation for Nebraska Trial Court Judges, on "Judicial Demeanor"  
Author and lecturer, Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, 2007 Fall Seminar, on "Tips From the Bench"  
Co-author, "Preservation of Error for Appellate Review," Nebraska Law Review Bulletin, published January 6, 2010  
Author and lecturer, "Nebraska Child Support Guidelines," 1999 Young Lawyers Practice Seminar (later used in materials for 1999 NCLE Family Law Seminar)  
Author and lecturer, "Rights of Possession," 1991 NCLE Real Estate Law Seminar

### **Nebraska Supreme Court Settings**

Sarpy Cty. Farm Bureau v. Learning Community, S-11-805  
State v. Fremont, S-11-243  
In re Interest of S.J., S-11-314  
State v. Timmens, S-11-217  
State v. Perina, S-09-1021  
Kiplinger v. Nebraska Dept. of Nat. Resources, S-10-296  
State v. Collins, S-09-1151  
In re Interest of D.H., S-10-617  
In re Application of Nebraska Pub. Power Dist., S-10-707  
State v. Lamb, S-09-1201  
State v. Sandoval, S-05-142

McNally v. City of Omaha, S-05-1022  
State v. Moore, S-95-485  
State v. Davlin, S-05-547  
State v. Moore, S-04-1081  
State v. Lee, S-95-661  
State v. Hingst, S-95-1120  
Van Ackeren v. Nebraska Bd. of Parole, S-96-162  
Law Offices of Ronald J. Palagi v. Dolan, S-95-134  
Thrift Mart v. State Farm Fire & Cas. Co., S-94-1122  
State v. Trevino, S-96-322  
State v. Boppre, S-96-309  
Gustafson v. Burlington Northern RR. Co., S-94-1089  
State v. Nissen, S-95-997  
Benzel v. Keller Indus., S-94-1064