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What kind of legal matter do you find most rewarding or personally satisfying and why?

Assuring parents are given quality time with their children. The financial issues that often plague divorces seem to be issues that go away sooner or later. A parent's relationship with his or her child is an issue that lasts a lifetime, and by far the most important issue to the majority of my clients.



What is an unconventional lesson you've learned about the practice of law?

Don't be afraid to ask questions.

What is one thing you know now that you wish you would have known in your first year of practice?

Manage your client's expectations. It is so very important that a client fully understands the law and how it affects the facts of his or her case. This means that tough conversations will be had. However, I find that in the end the client is extremely thankful for a clear understanding and a reasonable outlook on the case.

Who is your hero and why?

My father. He taught me the importance of hard work, integrity, and reliability. I hope to be even half of the father he was and is for me.

What is your favorite quote?

Things turn out best for the people that make the best of the way things turn out.

What is the most rewarding moment of your practice?

Having past clients contact me months or years later to simply say thank you. It is so incredibly rewarding to help people through some of the most difficult times in their lives.

What is your proudest moment?

Marrying my wife. I was proud of myself for being able to capture the love of such an incredible person.

What advice would you give a new lawyer?

Respect everyone. Opposing attorneys, legal staff, opposing parties, and especially clients. The JD next to your name doesn't make you special. It just means you enjoy student debt and long hours in libraries.

What is your favorite NSBA member benefit or program?

Casemaker and the Child Support Calculator.

Angela Lennon

Associate Attorney, Koenig | Dunne Divorce Law, Omaha

What is the best career advice you have ever received?

I've been lucky to have surrounded myself with many amazing professional mentors, so I've received a lot of impactful advice. However, some of the principles that stick out the most are to be intentional about your goals and keep them top of mind. If a goal seems out of reach, break it down into small actions so it's more manageable.



And let in support from others to help you achieve your goals.

What kind of legal matter do you find most rewarding or personally satisfying and why?

Divorce is complex both substantively and emotionally. Partnering with our clients to assist them in navigating the divorce process during such a difficult time of transition is very rewarding both personally and professionally.

What do you do for fun?

I love to read, travel, cook, wine taste, and spend time with friends and family.

What do you like best about your practice area and why?

Besides our clients, I really enjoy the family law practitioners in our legal community.

What is your favorite quote?

You don't have to have it all figured out to move forward.

What is the most rewarding moment of your practice?

I love the moment at the end of an initial consultation when clients breathe a sigh of relief and realize there is a path forward for them to achieve their desired goal and they know that our firm can support them through the process.

What advice would you give a new lawyer?

My best advice would be to focus on relationship building and be intentional about the trajectory of your career. As a new lawyer, it's tempting to put your head down and grind out your billable hours. However, building client and professional relationships and executing a professional development plan even in your first years as an attorney will pay off greatly in the future.

What is your favorite NSBA member benefit or program and why?

Casemaker and the Nebraska Child Support Calculator are both great tools in my practice.