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What is the best career advice you ever received?

Read the Nebraska Supreme Court and Court of Appeals opinions weekly.

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

Put EVERYTHING in writing.

Complete the sentence: I never leave home without _____, because _____.

Pocket change because the parking garage attendant is only going to let me slide so many more times before he refuses to let me leave without paying.

What do you do for fun?

I love going to see the latest movie & scarfing down movie popcorn.

What do you like best about your practice area?

I practice in about four different areas. The one I find the most rewarding is juvenile law. My juvenile law clients drive me bonkers, but I often feel like I am actually helping someone.

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

I'm only a couple of months into my second year of practice, but now I know that while I was waiting around for my bar results I should have been in court observing trials and hearings. Unfortunately, my schedule doesn't really allow for it now.

Who is your hero?

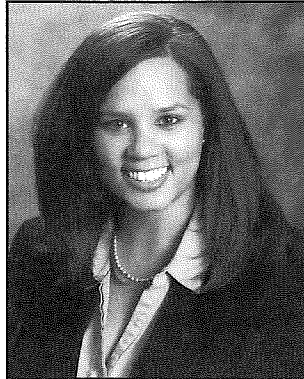
My mom. She raised me to work hard, respect others, but not to take any sh#t.

What is your favorite movie?

The Color Purple

Favorite NSBA Member Benefit or Program?

I love the section listservs! They are so helpful and informational.



Tana Fye

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What kind of legal matter do you find most rewarding/personally satisfying?

I most enjoy doing criminal defense and juvenile work. I find it gratifying that we can help turn people around from bad decisions and help them become happier and healthier.

Do you have a hidden talent?

I play the cello and have since the fourth grade. I currently play with the Hastings Symphony Orchestra, as well as gigs in Holdrege.

What do you do for fun?

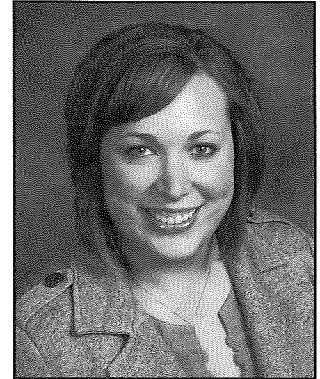
I drag race. I have a 2004 Pontiac GTO that I enjoy drag racing. I grew up going to the track, as my dad has a 1966 GTO that he's raced since before I was born. It's really exhilarating!

What advice would you give a brand new lawyer?

Don't be afraid to try new things and to seek advice from more experienced attorneys. I've found that lawyers are willing to provide advice, guidance, and forms if you just ask. Plus, when you're willing to talk to other lawyers you make great connections that are helpful professionally, but also great friendships outside of our work.

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