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## **Hon. Riko Bishop**

### **Judgeship**

2013 - Present  
Judge of the Court of Appeals, 1st Judicial District  
Lancaster and Seward counties

### **Experience**

1993 - 2013  
Perry Guthery Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O.  
Positions of Attorney and Shareholder

1998 - 1999  
University of Nebraska College of Law  
Adjunct Instructor

1992 - 1993  
Nebraska Court of Appeals  
Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Richard D. Sievers

1986 - 1989  
Bader Rutter & Associates  
Office Manager/Executive Assistant

1983 - 1985

Bellevue Public Schools

Creative Writing Coordinator and Instructor, Gifted Program

1981 - 1983

Mission Junior High School

English Teacher

1978 - 1980

Elkhorn Junior High School

English Teacher

## **Education**

University of Nebraska College of Law, 1992

Juris Doctorate with Distinction

Kearney State College, 1977

B.A. Education, English

## **Judicial/Law Related Activities**

### **Professional Affiliations**

Nebraska State Bar Association, Member 1992-Present

Appellate Practice Section, Executive Committee, 2015-present

Annual Meeting Committee, 2006-2011; Planning Chair, 2006-2007

Women and the Law Section

Labor Relations & Employment Law Section, former member

American Bar Association, 1992-present

Lincoln Bar Association, Board of Trustees, 2000-2008; President, 2006-2007

Law Day Committee, Chair, 1999-2007

Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, former member

Office of Dispute Resolution Advisory Council, Term 2012-2013

Parenting Act Mediator, ODR Approved, 2010

Nebraska Mediation Association, 2011-2013

Nebraska Council of School Attorneys, President, 2003-2004

National Council of School Attorneys, (former member

UNL College of Law Alumni Council. 2004-2009; Executive Board, 2007-2009

Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court, Master of the Bench, Learned Hand Team, 2014-present

### **Nebraska Supreme Court Committees**

Nebraska Supreme Court/NSBA Minority Justice Committee, 1999-2011; Co-Chair, Access to Justice Subcommittee, 1999-2011

Nebraska Supreme Court/NSBA Foundation, Law Related Education Subcommittee

Nebraska Supreme Court Committee on Practice and Procedure, 1998-present; Chair, 2014-present  
Nebraska Judicial Resources Commission, 2004-2013  
Nebraska Supreme Court Commission on Children in the Courts, Parenting Act Subcommittee, 2014-present; Temporary Hearings in District Court Subcommittee (Co-Chair, 2016-present)  
Judicial Branch Education Advisory Committee, Chair, 2016-present

## **Honors and Awards**

UNL College of Law National Moot Court Team, 1992

National Brief Writing Award  
Regional, Best Oral Advocate  
Regional, Best Brief Award

Order of Barristers, 1992

2000 Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow:

*An honor based on integrity and character. The Foundation recognizes established legal professionals who are dedicated to improving the administration of justice. Fellows are accredited by colleagues as leaders of the legal profession who contribute to the charitable and community education works of the Foundation.*

Warren K. Urbom Mentor Award, Robert Van Pelt American Inn of Court (2018)

Outstanding Contributor to Women in Law Award, NSBA Women & the Law Section (2017)

Outstanding Civic Health Partner, Nebraskans for Civic Reform (2017)

Nebraska State Bar Association, Award of Appreciation, 2006

## **Government/Community Service**

UNL College of Law, National Moot Court Team, volunteer judge

UNL College of Law, Grether Moot Court Competition, final round judge

Lincoln Bar Association, Law Day program, volunteer

UNL College of Law, Pre-Law Institute mentor, summer program for minority undergraduate students considering law school, 2004, 2005

Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, 2007-2013 (Commission Vice Chair, 2012-2013; Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid, Chair, 2012-2013)

Congressman Jeff Fortenberry Military Academy Advisory Committee

City of Lincoln, Procurement Appeals Board, 2011-2013

Nebraska Club Board of Directors, 2006-present; President, 2009-2012

Nebraska Affirmative Action Committee, 1997-2008; Chair, 2001-2008

American Red Cross, Lancaster County Board of Directors, 1995-1996

## **Teaching and Publishing**

Author, *De Novo on the Record for an Abuse of Discretion ? What Does That Mean?* The Nebraska Lawyer, July/Aug 2016

Author, *A Few More Words on Appellate Briefs*, The Nebraska Lawyer, Jan/Feb 2016

Presenter, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Pre-Law Club, 2018/2017  
Guest panelist, UNL College of Law, American Constitution Society, February 2017|  
Guest panelist, Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association, Criminal Defense Boot Camp, *View from the Bench*, August 2016  
Guest panelist, NSBA Family Law Update, temporary custody/support practices and procedures, July 2016  
Guest speaker, Lincoln South Rotary Club, *The Judicial Branch*, June 2016  
Presenter, Nebraska Federation of Women's Club, Sophomore Pilgrimage, *The Judicial Branch*, 2018/2017/2016  
Keynote speaker, Concordia University's Annual Woman in Business Luncheon, March 2016  
Presenter, Concordia University government class, *Appellate Courts*, March 2016  
Presenter, Falls City Lane Leadership Program, *Appellate Courts*, 2016/2015  
Presenter, Hall County/Grand Island Leadership Tomorrow, *The Judicial Branch*, 2014-present  
Presenter, Nebraskans for Civic Reform, teaching middle and high school students about the judicial branch, 2014-present  
Guest panelist, UNL College of Law Black Law Student Association and Multicultural Legal Society Annual High School Diversity Day, careers in the law, 2015/2014  
Guest panelist, UNL College of Law, Allen Moot Court program  
Guest speaker, UNL College of Law, Ethics Class, *Judicial Ethics*, 2017/2016/2015  
Presenter, NSBA Annual Meeting, *The Importance of an Effective Brief: An Appellate Judge's Perspective*, October 2015  
Presenter, UNL College of Law GAP Program, Family Law, *Drafting Family Law Documents*  
Presenter, Nebraska Council of School Administrators & Nebraska Association of School Boards, Education Forum, Keynote Session panel *Mock Board Meetings with Messages*, February 2013  
Presenter, Doane College Educational Leadership Program, on teacher evaluation and tenure laws, student rights and student discipline, students and First Amendment issues (speech and religion), 1996-2013  
Presenter, Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association, *Unemployment Benefits: Addressing and Avoiding Potential Pitfalls*, March 2012  
Presenter, Nebraska State Education Conference, *School Safety and Security*, November 2011  
Presenter, Nebraska Council of School Attorneys, School Law Seminar, *Domestic Relations: Parent Wars in the Schoolhouse*, June 2011  
Presenter, Nebraska Association of School Boards, *Back to the Basics of School Law*, March 2011  
Presenter, Nebraska State Education Conference, *Legal Issues Involving Technology and Social Media*, November 2010

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