

NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

On February 6, 2019, the proposed new rule, Neb. Ct. R. § 1-907, and proposed new policy regarding social media use by the Nebraska State Library, recommended by the Nebraska State Library, were considered by the Nebraska Supreme Court. The Nebraska Supreme Court directed that the proposed rule and policy be published for a public comment period.

The Nebraska Supreme Court invites interested persons to comment on the proposed rule and policy. Anyone desiring to comment on the proposed rule and policy should do so in writing to the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, P.O. Box 98910, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8910, or via email to wendy.wussow@nebraska.gov, no later than April 1, 2019.

The full text of the proposed rule and policy are available below, or a hard copy may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals upon request.

CHAPTER 1: ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

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Article 9: State Library.

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§ 1-907. Social media.

The state librarian or his or her designee may maintain social media accounts for information purposes related to the Nebraska Supreme Court or State Library. The state librarian or his or her designee shall abide by the policies approved by the Supreme Court regarding social media use.

NEBRASKA STATE LIBRARY SOCIAL MEDIA USE POLICY

About:

The Nebraska State Library is a public-court law library with a collection of over 130,000 volumes and several subscription-based legal databases. These resources aid the library in the fulfillment of its mission to provide open, reliable access to legal information.

The Nebraska State Library maintains a comprehensive collection of legal resources, including state and federal cases and statutes, treatises, Nebraska specific materials and forms, legal encyclopedias, and electronic databases. Although the Nebraska State Library does check out some materials to licensed attorneys and state agency employees, it is primarily a reference/research library as opposed to a circulating library.

Mission:

The Nebraska State Library strives to enhance knowledge of the law and facilitate access to justice by providing patrons with access to current and accurate legal information.

- The purpose of the Nebraska State Library's social media page is to further the library's mission by providing information about its collection and services, legal research tips, legal news, and link-worthy material from peer institutions.

Services:

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