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Attorney Gene M. Eckel is the go-to real estate lawyer who helps landlords and property management companies resolve problems with tenants and advocate on behalf of the apartment industry. Gene is a problem-solver who is dedicated to protecting property owner's, no matter the issues that may arise- worth it.

Gene's background in public policy, litigation and general practice of law provides him with the skill set to provide clients with answers to unexpected problems and advocate on their behalf on legislation that affect them.

Education:

Creighton University School of Law, Omaha, NE J.D., 1999

- Domestic Moot Court Team
- Public Interest Forum: *Street Law*

Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, MI, 1996

- American Jurisprudence Award for Constitutional Law I

University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, Bachelor of Arts in English, 1994

- Phi Delta Theta - Recruitment Chair, Awards Chair

Bar Admissions:

- State Courts: Nebraska and Iowa
- Federal Courts: Supreme Court of the United States and District of Nebraska

Employment:

Stalnaker, Becker & Buresh, P.C.: Omaha, NE

Attorney, Partner, August 2014 – January 2019

- Practice law in the areas of commercial real estate, landlord-tenant law, Fair Housing litigation and business law.
- Attend court hearings and trials.
- Responsible for drafting and responding to pleadings, motions and written discovery.

- Prepare estate various legal documents to incorporate new companies.
- Review and analyze various contracts and leases for clients.
- Negotiate settlements in various legal disputes.

Thompson Law Office, P.C.: Omaha, NE

Attorney, January 2011 – August 2014

- Practiced law in the areas of commercial litigation, landlord-tenant law, Fair Housing litigation, commercial real estate, business law, asset and debt recovery, and estate planning.
- Attended court hearings and trials.
- Responsible for drafting and responding to pleadings, motions and written discovery.
- Prepared estate plans and various legal documents to incorporate new companies.
- Reviewed and analyzed various contracts and leases for clients.
- Negotiated settlements in various legal disputes.

Forsberg & Jolly Law, P.C.: Omaha, NE

Attorney, January 2010–December 2010

- Practiced law in the areas of real estate, commercial litigation, bankruptcy and creditor's rights, asset and debt recovery, estate planning, and corporate law.
- Attended court hearings.
- Responsible for drafting and responding to pleadings, motions and written discovery.
- Prepared estate plans and various legal documents to incorporate new companies.
- Reviewed and analyzed various contracts for clients.
- Negotiated settlements in various legal disputes.

Law Offices of Gene M. Eckel, Omaha, NE

Attorney, February 2009-December 2009

- Practiced law in the areas of real estate, commercial litigation, bankruptcy and creditor's rights, asset and debt recovery, estate planning, and corporate law.
- Attended court hearings.
- Responsible for drafting and responding to pleadings, motions and written discovery.
- Prepared estate plans and various legal documents to incorporate new companies.
- Reviewed and analyzed various contracts for clients.
- Negotiated settlements in various legal disputes.

Smith, Gardner, Slusky, Lazer, Pohren & Rogers, LLP, Omaha, NE

Attorney, March 2008-January 2009

- Practiced law in the areas of real estate, commercial litigation, bankruptcy and creditor's rights, asset and debt recovery, estate planning, and corporate law.
- Attended court hearings.
- Responsible for drafting and responding to pleadings, motions and written discovery.
- Prepared estate plans and various legal documents to incorporate new companies.
- Reviewed and analyzed various contracts for clients.
- Negotiated settlements in various legal disputes.

Slusky Law, LLC, Omaha, NE

Attorney, October 2007-February 2008

- Practiced law in the areas of real estate, commercial litigation, asset and debt recovery, estate planning, corporate law and government relations.
- Lobbied on behalf of clients at the Nebraska State Legislature.
- Responsible for managing firm's asset and debt recovering practice.
- Attended court hearings.
- Responsible for drafting and responding to pleadings, motions, and written discovery.
- Prepared estate plans and various legal documents to incorporate new companies.
- Reviewed and analyzed various contracts for clients.
- Negotiated settlements in various legal disputes.

William E. Gast P.C., LLO, Omaha, NE

Attorney, March 2003-September 2007

- Practiced law in the areas of insurance defense litigation, real estate, estate planning, corporate law, and securities arbitration.
- Analyzed insurance contracts and counseled insurance clients on claims.
- Responsible for drafting various legal documents to incorporate new companies in the State of Nebraska.
- Prepared estate plans and assisted in the administration of estates.
- Reviewed and analyzed various contracts for clients.
- Prepared motions and appellate briefs in State and Federal Courts.
- Attended motion hearings.
- Performed oral arguments before Nebraska appellate courts.
- Responsible for drafting and responding to pleadings, motions and written discovery.
- Obtained deposition testimony of opposing parties and witnesses.
- Assisted in the litigation of two jury trials.
- Negotiated settlements in various legal disputes and securities arbitration claims.

Engles Ketcham Olson & Keith, P.C., Omaha, NE

Attorney, May 2002-February 2003

- Practiced law in the areas of insurance defense and securities arbitration.
- Responsible for drafting and responding to pleadings, motions and written discovery.
- Prepared motion briefs in State and Federal courts.
- Attended motion hearings.
- Analyzed insurance contracts and counseled insurance clients on claims.

Salkin & Shockett, P.A., P.C., Omaha, NE

Attorney, August 2001-February 2002

- Managed Omaha satellite office for law firm based in Baltimore, Maryland.
- Specialized in the practice of representing investors in securities arbitration.
- Responsible for interviewing potential clients and determining the viability of claims.
- Assisted managing partner with securities arbitration claims for clients in Nebraska, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

Fourth Judicial District of Nebraska, Douglas County District Court, Omaha, NE

Judicial Clerk, October 1999-August 2001, March 2002-April 2002

- Advised District Court judges on various legal issues that come before the Court.
- Drafted and prepared orders and written legal memoranda for the judges of the District Court.
- Served as research attorney for all Douglas County District Court judges.
- Performed general legal research for judges outside Douglas County when requested by a Douglas County District Court judge.
- Prepared written legal memoranda for the Deputy Court Administrator/Research Director, District Court Referee, or Law Librarian/Research Coordinator.
- Worked with Law Librarian/Research Coordinator on District Court research projects.
- Appointed to serve as bailiff for grand jury investigation by presiding judge.
- Assisted in the recruitment and training of new judicial clerks.

Gast, Ratz & Gutierrez, P.C., Omaha, NE

Law Clerk, May 1998-May 1999

- Researched and prepared memoranda on issues including insurance defense, negligence, and construction law.
- Drafted pleadings, motions, and written discovery.
- Prepared motion briefs submitted to both state and federal courts.
- Attended depositions and argued a motion to compel to obtain a witness statement.
- Obtained and analyzed witness statements.
- Proofread various legal documents.

Nebraska State Legislature, Legislative Council, State Senator John Lindsay, Lincoln, NE

Legislative Aide, January 1995-August 1996

- Drafted legislation and amendments on several issues of law.
- Reviewed and summarized pending legislation.
- Wrote speeches and legislative correspondence.
- Responded to constituent requests and represented the senator at events.

Nebraska National Guard, Troop A 1/167 CAV, Fremont, NE

Second Lieutenant, Platoon Leader, July 1994-April 1995

- Coordinated monthly and yearly training for the platoon.
- Supervised recruitment and retention of personnel.
- Counseled noncommissioned officers and enlisted soldiers with personal and disciplinary problems.
- Directed mission accomplishment of platoon during peacetime and wartime.

Nebraska National Guard, 267 Ag Postal, Omaha, NE

Administrative Specialist, April 1989-July 1994

- Assisted in organizing task training for unit.
- Supervised inter-unit activities.

Professional Organizations & Community Involvement:

- Nebraska State Bar Association
 - Member of House of Delegates, 2010-Present
 - Legislation Committee, 2008-Present

- Real Estate Practice Guidelines Committee 2002-2017, Chair 2008-2009
 - Leadership Academy Member
- Robert M. Spire American Inns of Court, 2013-Present
- Apartment Association of Nebraska
 - Board of Directors
 - Legislative Committee Chair
- National Apartment Association
 - Operations Committee
- Nebraska Association of Commercial Property Owners
 - Board of Directors
- Phi Delta Theta International Fraternity
 - Province President, 2013-2018

Articles, Presentations and Achievements:

- *“The New Standard Applicable To State Taxation Of A Nonresident - An Analysis Of The Supreme Court’s Treatment Of The Privileges And Immunities Clause In Lunding v. New York Tax Appeals Tribunal,”* 32 CREIGHTON L. REV. 1311 (1999).