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# NSBA Member SPOTLIGHTS

## Patrick M. Patino

Associate Attorney,  
Koenig|Dunne, PC, LLO, Omaha

**Where did you attend law school?**  
University of Illinois College of Law.

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

As a bankruptcy attorney, I am able to empower people who are experiencing financial distress because of an unexpected life event create a better financial future.

**If you weren't a lawyer, what would you be and why?**

I would be a creative writing professor because I have a passion for teaching others.

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

A client may be resistant to your advice or guidance, which can be frustrating and seem counter-intuitive. In those situations, remain steadfast with compassion and empathy.

**What is the most rewarding moment of your practice?**

At the end of a bankruptcy case when a client expresses how supported they felt through the process on the way to eliminating their debt.

**What advice would you give a new lawyer?**

Take the time to build meaningful relationships with other attorneys in the community and be open to letting in support.



## Audrey Sautter

Associate Attorney,  
Angle, Murphy & Campbell, P.C., L.L.O., York

**Where did you attend law school?**  
Creighton University School of Law, 2008.

**What is the best career advice you have ever received?**

Be yourself. Someone out there is looking for the exact thing that you uniquely have to offer.

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

Guardianships. I like that I am able to help ensure that others are being looked after and taken care of.

**If you weren't a lawyer, what would you be and why?**

An occupational or physical therapist. They help people relearn day-to-day functions after painful injury and illness. I really think that they do some remarkable work.

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

I really enjoy practicing in rural Nebraska. I like that I am able to help the people in my community plan for their future, care for a loved one, or help them through a difficult family situation.

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

That you don't have to know all the answers. You just have to be willing to learn.

**Who is your hero and why?**

I have so many! My biggest heroes are my parents. They both worked really hard while I was growing up, but the thing that they worked at the hardest was parenting. I continue to benefit from that and am so grateful for them.

**What advice would you give a new lawyer?**

Make time for the people that you love. You will never regret it.

**Why are you a dues-paying member of the NSBA?**

NSBA offers a lot of great online resources. If you are unsure about a legal topic that you are working on there is a really good chance that the NSBA library has material that will help you.

