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NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT  
COURT OF APPEALS**

IN THE SUPREME COURT IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

STATE OF NEBRASKA, ex rel.	]	CASE NO. S-26 - ____
COUNSEL FOR DISCIPLINE	]	
OF THE NEBRASKA	]	
SUPREME COURT,	]	
	]	
Relator,	]	FORMAL CHARGES
vs.	]	
	]	
David D. Begley,	]	
	]	
Respondent.	]	

Justin Dawson, Assistant Counsel for Discipline of the Nebraska Supreme Court, on behalf of the Relator states, alleges and shows the following:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

1. The respondent, David D. Begley, was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Nebraska on September 8, 1982. Respondent’s business address is 4611 So. 96th St., Ste.234, Omaha, NE 68127.
2. At all times relevant to these proceedings the respondent was engaged in the practice of law in Omaha, Nebraska. Pursuant to Neb. Ct. R. § 3-302, the Respondent is under the jurisdiction of the District Three Committee on Inquiry.
3. The matters alleged herein were reviewed by the District Three Committee on Inquiry pursuant to Neb. Ct. R. § 3-309 (H) and said Committee determined that there are reasonable grounds for discipline of the respondent and that a public interest would be served by the filing of these Formal Charges.

COUNT I

4. For Count I, the Relator incorporates paragraphs 1 through 3 above the same as if they were set forth herein verbatim.
5. On March 19, 2025, the Knox County Board of Supervisors appointed the Respondent as Special Knox County Attorney to investigate possible breaches of courthouse security. Eric M. Hagen (Hagen) was appointed as Special Deputy Knox County Attorney to assist in the investigation.

6. During the course of the investigation, Hagen began to research the hiring practices of the Knox County Sheriff's office to determine if Deputy County Sheriff's were hired in accordance with statute. On or about October 2, 2025, Hagen's legal research culminated in a report to the Respondent, indicating that that hiring of Knox County Deputy Sheriff's was not in accordance with the law.

7. On November 11, 2025, Respondent shared Hagen's investigation results with the Knox County Deputy Public Defender (PD), advising the PD that the office should begin filing motions to dismiss for violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1704.01.

8. On December 26, 2025, Respondent posted on the Knox County News Facebook page that the Knox County Sheriff's Office is in violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1704.01, and that as a result all criminals have a get out of jail free card.

9. On December 27, 2025, Respondent again posted on the Knox County News Facebook Page, that the Knox County Sheriff's Office was in violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-1704.01, and that the Respondent intended to visit the Knox County Jail to advise Defendants of this fact, and motion for dismissals. Respondent added willingness to take the matter to the Nebraska Supreme Court.

10. The foregoing acts and omissions of the respondent constitute violations of his Oath of Office as an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Nebraska as provided by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 7-104 (Reissue 2022) and the following provisions of the Nebraska Court Rules of Professional Conduct:

#### § 3-501.6 CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

A lawyer shall not reveal information relating to the representation of a client unless the client gives informed consent, the disclosure is impliedly authorized in order to carry out the representation or the disclosure is permitted by paragraph (b).

#### § 3-504.4 RESPECT FOR RIGHTS OF THIRD PERSONS

(a) In representing a client, a lawyer shall not use means that have no substantial purpose other than to embarrass, delay, or burden a third person, or use methods of obtaining evidence that violate the legal rights of such a person.

#### § 3-508.4 MISCONDUCT

It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to:

- (a) violate or attempt to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, knowingly assist or induce another to do so or do so through the acts of another;
- (b) commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects;
- (c) engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation;

Wherefore, the Assistant Counsel for Discipline of the Nebraska Supreme Court herewith files Formal Charges against the Respondent, David D. Begley, a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association, and moves the Court to proceed herein in accordance with the Nebraska Supreme Court Rules of Discipline.

Respectfully submitted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026.

State of Nebraska ex rel.  
Counsel for Discipline of the  
Nebraska Supreme Court,  
Relator,

*/s/ Justin C. Dawson*

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# Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 I provided a true and correct copy of this *Formal Charges* to the following:

Begley,David,D. represented by David D Begley (16795) service method: Electronic Service to **dbegley@lawyer.com**

Signature: /s/ Justin Dawson (22097)