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## **Norfolk Lawyer, Dennis Collins, Given Nebraska State Bar Foundation's Distinguished Service Award**

Lincoln, Neb. (August 23, 2021) – Dennis Collins received the 2020 Distinguished Service Award, given by the Nebraska State Bar Foundation, at the annual Bar Foundation's Fellows Dinner.

Collins is a partner with Jewell, Collins & Flood and has been practicing law in Norfolk for more than 50 years. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska and his law degree from the Nebraska College of Law.

Collins is a Lifetime Fellow of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation and he was instrumental in working with the Dan Jewell Education Committee to create the Dan Jewell Trial Institute. He tirelessly worked to start the Institute and he also serviced as a witness at the Institute. Collins combined his volunteerism with his love of acting.

Throughout his years of practicing law, Collins also has gained fame as an amateur actor, appearing in more than 20 productions at the Omaha Community Playhouse. A natural comedian, Dennis told the Norfolk Daily News that he once tried to play the dramatic role of a villain, and the audience laughed during the most compelling scene. Since then, he said, he has stuck to humorous roles.

Collins is actively involved in other volunteer activities as well. He served as past president of the Nebraska Lawyers Trust Account Foundation and served on the Nebraska Continuing Legal Education Board.

Collins is a prolific writer who has authored more than 70 articles for law reviews and seminars. For more than 35 years, he has delivered an annual presentation to lawyers and certified public accountants at the Nebraska Law School's John M. Gradwohl Estate and Business Planning Program.

Senator Mike Flood presented Collins with the award and gave funny antidotes of working with Collins over the years that had the entire room chuckling.

The Nebraska State Bar Foundation Annual Fellows Dinner took place on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club of Lincoln.

Learn more about the Foundation at [www.nebarfnd.org](http://www.nebarfnd.org).

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Photo 1: Dennis Collins

Photo 2: Senator Mike Flood and Dennis Collins