

## NEWS RELEASE

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## The Honorable John Colborn recognized by Nebraska State Bar Foundation

Lincoln, Neb. (March 11, 2024) – The Honorable John Colborn, retired Judge of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court, was recognized at the Nebraska State Bar Foundation’s annual Fellows Dinner.

Judge Colborn received the Bar Foundation’s Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes a lawyer who has made significant contributions to the profession, to the Bar Foundation, and to their community.

The award was presented by Bob Bartle, who said, “I can think of no one more deserving of the Bar Foundation’s Lifetime Achievement Award than Judge John Colborn.”

Judge Colborn served as a district court judge from 2000 through 2020. After retirement, he has continued to volunteer his time and expertise towards the improvement of justice, public service, and Nebraska’s problem-solving courts.

Of Judge Colborn’s many achievements, his dedication to said problem-solving courts lead to the creation of the Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court, the Lancaster County Adult Drug Court, and most recently the Lancaster County DUI Court. His leadership and guidance has fostered a multi-agency approach to breaking the cycles of substance abuse and related criminal behavior. The increased access to treatment has reduced recidivism rates and returned Nebraskans to law-abiding, productive citizens.

Headquartered in Lincoln, the Bar Foundation is dedicated to serving the citizens of Nebraska and the legal profession through the administration and funding of innovative programs directed at the improvement of the administration of justice and the fulfillment of the American vision of equal justice for all.

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