

**Press Release:
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The Omaha law firm of Gross & Welch is pleased to announce that Michael J. Mooney is the recipient of the first annual Nebraska Defense Counsel Association's "Master Emeritus" Award.

The Nebraska Defense Counsel Association established this award to recognize a member whose career has been devoted to representing defendants in civil lawsuits, who consistently demonstrates the highest degree of professionalism and ethics, who is a proven leader both within the Nebraska Defense Counsel Association and within the larger community, and who has been recognized as possessing superior trial advocacy skills.

Mr. Mooney is a 1963 graduate of Creighton University School of Law. He practices civil litigation with a heavy emphasis on professional liability and has many years of experience in defending medical and hospital malpractice actions. He is a member of the Omaha and Nebraska State Bar Associations and has previously served as Chairman of the House of Delegates of the Nebraska State Bar Association, President of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, and President of the Nebraska Defense Counsel Association. He also served as a member of the Supreme Court of Nebraska's Advisory Committee and a member of the District Court Judicial Nominating Committee for the Fourth Judicial District of Nebraska.

The law firm of Gross & Welch was founded in 1927 by Daniel J. Gross and is located in Omaha, Nebraska. The firm represents clients throughout Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota and has lawyers practicing in the following areas: civil litigation, business law, insurance law, banking law, bankruptcy, employment law, estate planning and probate, real estate, and workers' compensation. More information about the firm can be found at www.grosswelch.com.

This press release is for immediate dissemination. We would appreciate it if you would publish this in your publication with the photos attached. If you have any further questions, please contact Keegan Stein, Communications, or Jennifer Colwell, Administrator, at the Gross & Welch law firm, (402) 392-1500. Ms. Stein's email is: kstein@grosswelch.com; Ms. Colwell's email is: jcolwell@grosswelch.com.