

# City of Lincoln Appointment Application

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Application Date:** 12/20/2010  
**Salutation:** Mr.      **Applicant Name:** Pirsch, Perry  
**Legal Residence:** 462 West Lakeshore      **City/State/ZipCode:** Lincoln, NE 68528  
**Residence Telephone:** (402) 477-8444      **Business Telephone:** (402) 466-8444  
**Applicant Occupation:** Attorney      **Employer:** Berry Law Firm, PC  
**E-mail Address:** pearbo@aol.com  
**Affirmative Action Information:** Sex Male      **Racial/Ethnic Background:** Caucasian/White

## EDUCATION

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE  Master of Arts, College of Journalism (News Editorial)  
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA  Master of Public and Nonprofit Administration, May 2003  
  
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE  Juris Doctor, May 1998  
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE  Bachelor of Arts, December 1994 Major: Political Science; Minors: History, Philosophy, and English

## PRESENT OR PREVIOUS COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

American Society of Public Administrators, Nebraska Chapter  
Board of Directors, August 2006-Present  
Chairman of the Board, August 2009-2010

Foundation for Constitutional and Economic Literacy  
Board of Directors, 2010-Present

Nebraska Stroke Association  
Board of Directors, August 2006-Present

Alpha Theta Chi Alumni Association  
Board of Directors, Chapter Advisor, July 2007-Present

University of Nebraska Mock Trial Team  
Coach, August 2008-Present

Platte Institute for Economic Research  
Advisory Committee Member, August 2008-Present

Lincoln Independent Business Association  
Tax Efficiency Committee, 2006-Present

Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Group  
Member, 2006-Present

Mother=s Against Drunk Driving Public Policy Committee  
Member, August 2007-July 2009

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**Application Date:** 7/22/2011  
**Salutation:** Dr.      **Applicant Name:** Schaffer, James  
**Legal Residence:** 2601 Lafayette Ave.      **City/State/ZipCode:** Lincoln, NE 68502  
**Residence Telephone:** (402) 423-6224      **Business Telephone:** (402) 465-2352  
**Applicant Occupation:** professor      **Employer:** Nebraska Wesleyan University  
**E-mail Address:** jrs@nebrwesleyan.edu  
**Affirmative Action Information:** Sex Male      **Racial/Ethnic Background:** Caucasian/White

## EDUCATION

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, B.A.  
University of Virginia, M.A., Ph.D.

## PRESENT OR PREVIOUS COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Treasurer, Capitol Soccer Association  
Coach for little league baseball teams  
church activities (i.e., Confirmation leader)—First-Plymouth Church

## EMPLOYMENT

Nebraska Wesleyan University, 1991-present  
Lincoln East High School, 1979-1991

## Board(s) Requested

Charter Revision Commission

East African Center for the Empowerment of Women and Children, Seattle, WA  
Board of Directors and Counsel, June 2002-August 2007

Fayette Court Condo Association, Alexandria, VA  
Board Member and President, January 2002-May 2003

Alexandria Jaycees, Alexandria, VA  
Board of Directors, January 2002-January 2003

Kasap Foundation For Children, Alexandria, VA  
Board of Directors, August 2000-January 2001

## EMPLOYMENT

Berry Law Firm, Lincoln, NE

Associate Attorney, January 2009 B Present

- Supervised appellate practice section before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.
- Assisted clients with litigation in state and federal courts and the NEOC.
- Counseled and assisted clients in estate planning, business law, risk management, and employment law issues.

Nebraska State Treasurer, Lincoln, NE

Deputy State Treasurer and General Counsel, January 2007 B December 2008

- Counseled Treasury staff on constitutional law, statutory interpretation, employment law, unclaimed property, probate, long-term care, treasury management, and records retention issues.
- Served as in-house counsel, supervised three divisions (60 employees); drafted and ratified contracts, gave public presentations; drafted legislation; and assisted in media strategies.
- Drafted numerous legal opinions relating to complicated matters of state law.
- Interacted with personnel at the state government level, including the Governor's Office, the Attorney General, other constitutional officers, businesses, and members of the public.
- Provided legal oversight for 60 employees and advice on a variety of personnel, management, and litigation issues.

Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, Lincoln, NE

General Counsel, August 2004 B January 2007

- Counseled auditor Kate Witek on personnel, management, and litigation issues.
- Served as part of management team and advised audit staff on state and federal compliance issues.
- Served as legislative liaison for the office; monitored press and assisted in media strategies.

Congressman Lee Terry, Washington, D.C.

Legislative Counsel, January 2003 B August 2004

- Gave recommendations on matters relating to health, insurance, tax, commerce, trade, and financial services policy.
- Monitored, reviewed, and drafted legislation in Congress.
- Coordinated with government agencies, including the Energy and Commerce Committee staff, Ways and Means Committee Staff, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and FASB on various legislative and policy issues.

Pirsch & Associates, LLC, Alexandria, VA

Associate Attorney, August 2000 (full-time) B Present (part-time)

- Counseled clients corporate law, employment law; nonprofit law, tax, contested estates, and estate planning.
- Represented clients in state, federal, and tax court.

Nebraska Department of Justice, Civil Litigation Section, Lincoln, NE

Assistant Attorney General, September 1998 B August 2000

- Defended Nebraska Health and Human Services, its agents, and employees before the Nebraska state and federal district courts on a wide variety of employment, contract, tort, civil rights, and ADA claims.
- Conducted all aspects of pretrial discovery, court hearings, and depositions.
- Drafted Attorney General Opinions on the correct legal interpretation of various questions of law.

**Board(s) Requested**

Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board  
Lincoln/Lancaster County EMS Oversight Authority, Inc.  
Mayor's Committee For International Friendship  
Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee  
Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission  
Parks And Recreation Advisory Board  
Urban Design Committee  
Workforce Investment Board