

BIOGRAPHY

David Landis is the Director of the Urban Development Department for Lincoln, Nebraska, a 28 year veteran of the Nebraska Legislature, an award winning teacher and skilled negotiator in the public arena. Landis left the legislature in 2007 having passed 391 bills, the highest total in Nebraska history. Many were consensus measures forged by negotiation that brought contesting parties to agreement. Senator Landis brokered legislative agreements between labor and management, utilities and ratepayers, big banks and small banks, insurance companies and trial attorneys and other seemingly intractable foes. His legislation included a statewide network of mediation centers, a system for negotiated and administrative rulemaking in state government, extending the use of arbitration to resolve disputes and create the state labor-management collective bargaining system.

His skill has been developed at training seminars at Harvard, MIT, Cornell, Pepperdine and the University of Illinois. Currently he teaches lawyers and graduate public administrators at the University of Nebraska College of Law and the Department of Public Administration. Landis has three times been the Best Teacher award winner at Doane College. Landis spent a year as a professor in the Community and Regional Planning Program at UNL's College of Architecture and still teaches as an adjunct faculty member.

David is married to Melodee Ann McPherson, has two children, Matthew and Melissa, and enjoys music, theater and doing a radio show on the weekends. He graduated from the University of Nebraska with a B.A. (1970), *Juris Doctor* (1971), a Masters of Public Administration (1984) and a Masters in Regional and Community Planning (1995).