



David J. Cripe
Attorney at Law

A native Nebraskan, David Cripe was born in Beatrice during 1970. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1993, and in 1998 was awarded a law degree from Creighton University. Immediately after being admitted to the Nebraska State Bar Association he began serving as an Assistant Public Defender for Douglas County for the next two years. From there he moved on to private practice, working with Sodoro, Daly & Sodoro, while specializing in insurance defense litigation and medical malpractice defense law. During more than eight years there, Dave garnered extensive experience representing insurance companies. His firsthand knowledge of the tactics large insurance companies use in personal injury cases makes Mr. Cripe a very useful member of the Hauptman, O'Brien, Wolf & Lathrop team.

Bar Admissions:

- Nebraska
- U.S. District Court
District of Nebraska
- U.S. Federal Courts

**Professional Associations
and Memberships:**

- Omaha Bar Association
- Nebraska State Bar
Association
- Iowa State Bar Association
- American Association
for Justice
- Nebraska Association
of Trial Attorneys

Education:

- Creighton University
School of Law
Omaha, 1998
Doctor of Jurisprudence
- University of Nebraska
Lincoln, 1993
Bachelor of Science

Employment History:

- Hauptman, O'Brien, Wolf
& Lathrop, P.C., L.L.O.,
2008-Present
- Sodoro, Daly & Sodoro,
P.C., *2000-2008*
- Deputy Public Defender,
Douglas County,
1998-2000

“As an insurance defense lawyer I learned how the other side operates,” explained Dave. “My understanding of the insurance world and their defense teams allows me to better represent clients. Their tactics really require you to be tenacious and persistent when pursuing any type of claim. In motor vehicle accident, premises liability and other types of claims, it is important to gather evidence early and be careful about communications with the insurance companies. In evaluating and pursuing medical malpractice claims, one must be careful and obtain all the medical records and then conduct a very thorough review. I like the challenge of digging deep into the medical records or other aspects of a case to ensure that we obtain all the necessary evidence and keep insurance companies and their defense teams honest and the playing field level.”

“Dave is Nebraskan through and through,” said Partner Tim O'Brien. “He and his wife are an active part of the local community, and his passion for client advocacy is his greatest strength. It's easy to see within minutes of meeting Dave that he is a genuinely loyal person and he takes his position as an advocate for people during their time of need seriously. He has been with Hauptman, O'Brien for the better part of a decade already, and he has built a strong reputation here by lending his considerable insight and experience to the entire team in matters where an insider's perspective are especially important.”

Outside of work, Dave enjoys spending time with his wife and two boys. He coaches baseball and soccer, and enjoys watching and playing sports, especially golf. “The culture at Hauptman O'Brien is a great one because of the team approach, because of the fun vibe that is fostered here, and has been instilled since it was created by Tim O'Brien and Gordy Hauptman thirty-some years ago. To me it's a lot like the sports team mentality, where we all share a goal, and each work diligently to help out clients win in the end. That system and a team approach is great for client outcomes, and it also makes this firm a great place to work.”