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# 2021 OMAHA ENGINEERING PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

## SPEAKERS



**Todd Wiedemann** | For 20 years, Todd has focused his practice on civil litigation, construction law, and general commercial law. A partner at [Woods Aitken, LLP](#), he represents construction contractors, owners, sureties, and design professionals in litigation and non-litigation construction-related matters, including contract review and negotiation, project management, dispute and claim avoidance, and dispute resolution through mediation, arbitration or litigation.

His civil litigation practice includes representation of private companies and individuals in commercial disputes. Todd also represents individuals and private companies on matters related to commercial law, including contract formation and dispute resolution. He is a frequent speaker on construction law related

topics.

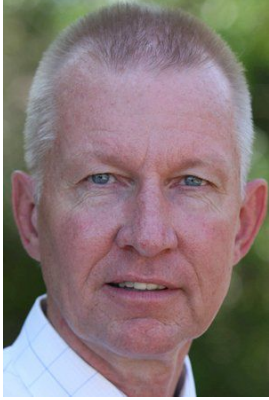
Todd was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2022 in the fields of Construction Law and Commercial Litigation.



**Kevin Kush** has been involved in coaching and teaching for more than thirty years. Coach Kush spent twenty-one of those years working with at-risk youth at Boys Town in Omaha, Nebraska. As a head football coach, he compiled a remarkable record of 164 wins and just 58 losses with 13 of those teams finishing in the top 10. Coach Kush now speaks full time to a variety of groups including teachers, youth organizations, and companies. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in marketing and business education, and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Nebraska in vocational and adult education.

In 2005 Mr. Kush was featured on ABC World News Tonight as their Person of the Week. The Author of three books: *The 100*

*Yard Classroom*, *Competing with Character*, and *“A Piece of the Puzzle” – Eight Traits of a Quality Teammate*. [Coach Kush Speaks](#)



**Bob Stubbe** is responsible for providing quality transportation and environmental services to the city's citizens as Director of Public Works for the City of Omaha. Prior to becoming Director in 2005, Bob had more than 29 years of service with the Metropolitan Utilities District. During his career with M-U-D he held numerous engineering and management positions, culminating as Vice President for the Engineering and Construction Divisions.

A native of South Dakota, Bob graduated from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, followed by earning a Master of Science Degree in Structural Engineering from the University of Nebraska. Bob is a registered Professional Engineer in Nebraska.

In addition to providing direction for all phases of transportation and environmental services operations, he supervises staff in the development and management of the related capital improvement program.



**Matt McFadden** has been a member of the ACEC Nebraska Board of Directors since 2015, serving as President 2020-21. A roadway engineer with more than 25 years of project experience, he joined FHU in its inaugural year in Nebraska with a passion to grow FHU's roadway design group. Today, the team's portfolio of successful projects spans the region. From conceptual design for feasibility studies to final design for construction, Matt has helped communities across the Midwest improve their interstates, highways, streets, and interchanges. His client list includes many rural Nebraska counties and municipalities, growing urban centers like Omaha and Lincoln, and state departments of

transportation, including the Nebraska Department of Transportation, South Dakota Department of Transportation, and the Kansas Department of Transportation.



**Jeff Sobczyk** | Omaha's Vision Zero Coordinator, Jeff Sobczyk, born and raised in Ralston, Ne; moved his wife and two young daughters back to Omaha (much to the surprise and excitement of their grandparents) last winter after living in Chicago for the last 10 years.

While in Chicago, Jeff earned his Masters in Urban Planning and Policy. He leveraged his planning knowledge and passion for cities into a role with the City of Chicago in an Alderman's office as a Coordinator of Special Projects in the 33rd Ward. In this position, Jeff coordinated projects located in the city's 33rd Ward as they related to Chicago's efforts to reach their Vision Zero goals. He coordinated with Chicago's Department of Transportation, various department heads, elected

officials as well as numerous other stakeholders and community groups on countless safe and equitable transportation improvement projects.

Jeff is happy to be home where he is familiar with the local culture, the built environment, and all the opportunities and challenges Omaha presents. He looks forward to continuing to use his planning lens as well as using lessons learned in Chicago as he and his engineering colleagues safely and equitably service **all** users and where **zero traffic deaths** will become the **only acceptable goal**.



**Christine Driscoll** is an Omaha native with 25 years of engineering experience in the Omaha area. She's a registered professional engineer and Construction Documents Technologist. Chris has worn a number of hats in her career and has been with Omaha Public Works Environmental Design Division for 3 years.



John Brandeau is an independent contractor to the City of Omaha for FEMA claims and response. He is retired from the US Navy after 21 years in the nuclear submarine force. Subsequently, he worked at OPPD in Nuclear Construction at Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station, most recently as Manager of Construction. John led the flood response at FCS to protect the station during the 2011 flood. He's been an independent contractor since 2015.



**Jennifer Morales** is a Washington State native, proud Gonzaga grad, who transferred to Omaha 18 years ago because of an Airforce spouse. She now has four Nebraskan children and shares "The Good Life" with her retired stay-at-home husband/musician. Jennifer started in roadway, drainage, and bridge design in Washington and a small stint on the Mississippi coast. She gained sanitary sewer design experience in the Omaha area as a consultant engineer designing commercial

and S&ID developments. Jennifer acknowledges her role in the Sarpy County Water and Wastewater Study, in 2005, as a catalyst for where she is today. This project introduced her to the needs of the larger community and the impacts of combined sewer overflows. In 2007, Jennifer started with the City of Omaha and as a member of the CSO Program Management Team. She migrated into the role of manager of the Sewer Planning Unit: an engineering, field services, and GIS sub-group within Sewer Maintenance Division; where she has been implementing CMOM best practices for over 10 years. Her passion is to coordinate holistic asset management programs that consider the customer level of service expectations, the regulatory drivers, and the asset "keepers" while maximizing the asset function and minimizing total life cycle costs. Jennifer is prepared to serve this community for another couple of decades. She will be embarking on a new journey as City of Omaha Public Works Asset Manager and looks forward to venturing back into transportation assets, along with fleet, facilities, traffic, and environmental infrastructure assets.



**Todd Pfitzer** is the Assistant Public Works Director Transportation for the City of Omaha. He graduated from the University of Nebraska Lincoln with a degree in civil engineering. He has been a professional engineer since 1995 and a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer since 2002. He served as the city Traffic Engineer from 2006 - 2010.

In his role with Omaha Public Works, Todd manages all transportation elements of Public Works transportation including design, construction, traffic, street maintenance, parking management, fleet management and general services. He also coordinates administration of budgets for the above divisions as well as contracting engineering studies and contracts.



**Dan Kutilek** has served as the Douglas County Engineering and Planning Manager since 1971. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and his masters in traffic engineering from UNO. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Institute of Traffic Engineers, and the Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers.



**Denny Wilson** was elected Sarpy County Engineer in 2010. He obtained his professional engineer's license in civil engineering and has worked for a number of consulting engineering firms in the Omaha metropolitan area. Denny has spent approximately half of his career in public service, working for the Nebraska Department of Roads, as a design engineer for the City of Omaha, and as Economic Development Director under Mayor Hal Daub. Wilson has also been an Adjunct Professor at both Bellevue and Creighton Universities.

Denny received his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Technology from UNL and UNO. He obtained an Executive MBA from UNO, and also holds a PHD in Family Consumer Sciences from Iowa State.