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Domina stops in Gordon, Chadron



Dave Domina (left) campaigned in Chadron last week, meeting with brothers Gary and Wayne Fisher (center and right), among others at the Bean Broker Thursday. Record photo by Kerri Rempp

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The first, as yet only, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Mike Johanns campaigned in Gordon and Chadron shortly after announcing his candidacy.

David Domina, founder of Domina Law Group in Omaha, announced his candidacy Jan. 21 and spent time in the northern Panhandle days later as part of his kick-off tour.

In his press kit, Domina says his major concerns include the need to make focused, reasonable decisions instead of continuing partisan bickering, a tax system that is "so fundamentally unfair that it is damaging the economy and job creation," and daunting defense funding challenges.

Domina was raised on a farm at Coleridge and graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1972. He is a member of the bar in Nebraska, Missouri, Michigan and New York and has tried cases in more than 40 states. He also served as a Judge Advocate General in the U.S. Army. He formed his law practice in 1975 and said he chooses to represent people instead of large corporations.

"People need the best quality help, while their adversaries can hire about anybody," he said in a press release. "Individuals generally have claims with great merit, but can lose because the legal talent deck is stacked against them."

If elected, Domina believes he will serve as a statesman with a strong voice who can capitalize on opportunities.

"We need our state's strongest, clearest and most tested voice. And we need it now," he said in his announcement speech. "The United States cannot be the most prestigious country in the world if we cannot keep our government open for business, adopt and live within a budget, pay our bills and take care of our people."

Representatives in government must be strong enough to gather facts, ignore political pressures and make the best decisions for the needs of the people, he said.

"Taking back our right to govern ourselves requires compromise, common ground, workable but less than perfect solutions, fixing and improving as we go onward. In a democracy we get some, not all, of what we each want," he said.