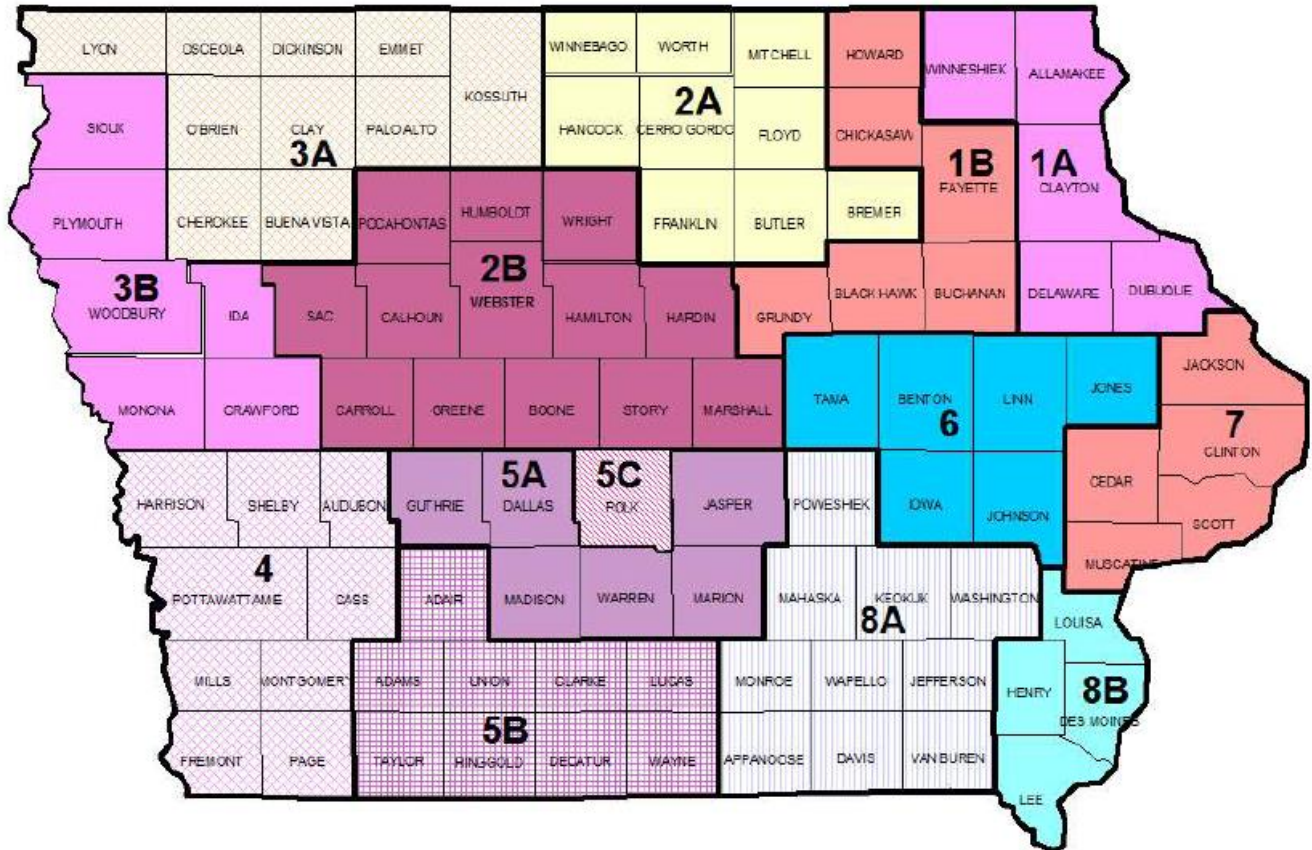


There are 95 judges statewide that will appear on the 2020 general election ballot for a retention vote. This document provides information about these judges.

Iowa is divided into eight judicial districts. A chief judge, who is selected by the Iowa Supreme Court, heads each district.



Included in this information is the political party affiliation for each judge. Also included is the primary election history, since it identifies the ballot type: (D)emocrat or (R)epublican. The two major political parties have very different views on abortion, as documented in their respective state party platforms.

The Democrat party platform states under “Reproductive Rights and Family Planning” (line 932), “We support:” (line 934) “Roe vs. Wade” (line 936), and “fully funding:” (line 937) “b. PP” (line 939). Under “ACRONYMS USED IN THIS SECTION” (line 956), “PP - Planned Parenthood” (line 992).

<https://iowademocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2018-IDP-Platform.pdf>

The Republican party platform states under the “Life” section, “1. We move the Iowa Republican party aggressively support a “life begins at conception” bill without exceptions.”, and “2. We oppose using public revenues for abortion or funding organizations which advocate it.” <https://iowagop.org/about/platform/>

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Supreme Court

	<p>Susan Kay Christensen Chief Justice Supreme Court</p>	<p>Chief Justice Christensen, Harlan, was appointed to the Iowa Supreme Court in 2018. The members of the court selected her as chief justice in February 2020.</p> <p>She was born and raised in Harlan, Iowa. She earned her bachelor's degree from Judson College in 1988 and her law degree from Creighton University School of Law in 1991.</p> <p>Prior to her appointment to the supreme court, Chief Justice Christensen was appointed a district associate judge in 2007 and a district court judge in 2015. Before becoming a judge, she practiced law in Harlan for 16 years.</p> <p>Chief Justice Christensen chaired the Children's Justice State Council and the Family First Task Force, and served on the Supreme Court's Family Law Pro Se Forms Committee, Child Support Guidelines Review Committee, Parents Representation Standards Committee, and Guardianship/Conservatorship Task Force as well as the Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee. She is a member of the Iowa Judges Association, the Iowa State Bar Association, the Southwest Iowa Bar Association, and the Shelby County Bar Association.</p> <p>Chief Justice Christensen is married with five children and almost six grandchildren.</p> <p>Her current term expires December 31, 2020.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2010 (R), 2012 (R), 2014 (R), 2016 (R), 2018 (R), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Edward Michael Mansfield Justice Supreme Court</p>	<p>Justice Mansfield received his undergraduate degree from Harvard in 1978 and his law degree from Yale in 1982.</p> <p>After law school he clerked one year for the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit. Justice Mansfield then worked 26 years as an attorney in private practice until his appointment to the Iowa Court of Appeals in 2009. Two years later, Justice Mansfield joined the Iowa Supreme Court.</p>

		<p>Justice Mansfield has been an adjunct professor of law at Drake University since 1997, teaching subjects ranging from contracts to antitrust and sports law. Justice Mansfield is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, having served several terms as Chair of the Trade Regulation Section. Justice Mansfield currently chairs the task force on revision of the Iowa Rules of Criminal Procedure. He is also a member of the Polk County Bar Association and the Iowa Judges Association. Justice Mansfield has previously served as a Member and a Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Goodwill of Central Iowa.</p> <p>Justice Mansfield is married and has three children.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2010 (R), 2014 (R), 2018 (R), 2020 (R)</p> <p>Court Rulings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrote dissenting opinion in 5-2 ruling for case no. 17-1579 that 72-hour abortion wait violated Iowa constitution.
	<p>Christopher Lee McDonald Justice Supreme Court</p>	<p>Born overseas into a military family, Justice McDonald was raised in Des Moines. He earned his undergraduate degree from Grand View University in 1997, and he earned his law degree from the University of Iowa in 2001. Justice McDonald graduated from law school with highest distinction. He received the John F. Murray Award and earned Order of the Coif Honor Society recognition.</p> <p>After graduating from law school, Justice McDonald served as a law clerk to the Honorable David R. Hansen, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Justice McDonald then worked in private practice in Central Iowa for a number of years before being appointed to serve as a Judge of the District Court, Fifth Judicial District of Iowa. In 2013, he was appointed to the Iowa Court of Appeals. In 2019, he was appointed to the Supreme Court of Iowa.</p> <p>Justice McDonald has been an active member of his community. He has supported numerous non-profit, community, and professional organizations in Iowa. He has served on the Board of Directors of Bravo Greater Des Moines, the Iowa Asian Alliance, the Iowa Foundation for Microenterprise and Community Vitality, and the Iowa Judges Association, among</p>

		<p>others. Justice McDonald is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Award.</p> <p>Justice McDonald is married and has three children.</p> <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2010 (R)</p>
	<p>Thomas D. Waterman Justice Supreme Court</p>	<p>Justice Waterman, Davenport, was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2011.</p> <p>Justice Waterman, who was born in Davenport, Iowa, earned his bachelor of arts degree from Dartmouth College in 1981. He graduated Order of the Coif from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1984, and served as associate editor of the law review. He was in private practice at Lane & Waterman LLP in Davenport from 1984 until his appointment. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute.</p> <p>Before joining the court, Justice Waterman was active in numerous organizations including the Jury Instruction Committee of the Iowa State Bar Association, the American College of Trial Lawyers, and the Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers. He was a member of the State Judicial Nominating Commission from 1999-2005, and was a co-editor of Defense Update, the quarterly publication of the Iowa Defense Counsel Association. An avid endurance sports enthusiast, he has completed seven Ironman triathlons and several ultra-marathons including the Leadville, Colorado 100 mile trail run and the Grand Canyon "Rim to Rim to Rim." His volunteer work included serving as Board Chair for the Scott County Family YMCA and Rivermont Collegiate.</p> <p>Justice Waterman is married and has four daughters, including triplets. His current term expires December 31, 2020.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (R), 2014 (R), 2020 (R)</p> <p>Court Rulings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joined Justice Mansfield on dissenting opinion in 5-2 ruling for case no. 17-1579 that 72-hour abortion wait violated Iowa constitution.

Court of Appeals

	<p>Thomas N. Bower</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 1993 by Branstad for District Court Judge, and 2012 by Branstad for Appeals Court <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p> <p>Court Rulings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> He is presiding over the 2019 lawsuit by democratic lawmakers over the law that gives more power to the governor in the judicial nomination process. No decision has been made yet on this case however. He was also on the appellate court when they allowed telemed abortion in 2015 in PP of the Heartland vs. the Iowa Board of Medicine. The Iowa Board of Medicine had ruled in 2013 that a physician had to be present to administer the abortion pill RU-486 and had to provide a physical exam of the patient.
	<p>David May</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2016 by Branstad for District Court Judge, and 2019 by Reynolds for Appeals Court. <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (R)</p>
	<p>Julie A. Schumacher</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2012 as a District Associate Judge, District Court Judge in 2017 appointed by Branstad, and 2019 to Appeals Court by Reynolds. Graduated from Spalding Catholic HS <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2020 (R)</p>



Sharon Soorholtz-Greer

- 2019 by Reynolds for Appeals Court, prior was in private practice.
- First Congressional Church





Political Party: Republican

Primary Election History: 2010 (R), 2012 (R), 2014 (R), 2018 (D)





Other:

- Served on the Republican Central Committee for Clay County from 1983-1986





Judicial District 1A

	<p>Alan Heavens District 1A District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed to the bench in February 2019 by Governor Reynolds • Graduated from the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota • Clayton County Attorney from 2011 to 2019 • Practiced in areas of civil litigation, family law, real estate, estate planning, probate disputes, contracts, and personal injury. • Married with four children. <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (R), 2012 (R), 2014 (R), 2016 (R), 2018 (R), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Mark Hostager District 1A District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed to the bench in 2013 (Branstad) • In 1988 graduated with distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law • Assistant County Attorney in Dubuque. • Married and has four children <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2012 (D), 2014 (D), 2016 (D), 2018 (D), 2020 (D)</p>
	<p>Stephanie C. Rattenborg District 1A District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed to the bench in August of 2013 (Branstad) • Magistrate in Delaware County 1996 - 2013 • Law degree from Drake University in 1994 <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2016 (R)</p>
	<p>Thomas J. Straka District 1A District Associate Juvenile Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed to serve Dubuque County as a magistrate in 2005 (Vilsack) • Creighton University School of Law in 1995 • Practiced primarily in the area of family and criminal law. • Assistant Grundy County Attorney and as a public defender in Black Hawk County • Married with two adult children <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>

Judicial District 1B





	<p>Joel A. Dalrymple District 1B District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed to the bench in 2012 (Branstad) • Law degree from Drake University Law School • Married with three children <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (D), 2010 (D)</p>
	<p>Bradley J. Harris District 1B District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed to the bench in 2007 (Culver) • Partner at the law firm of Kliebenstein, Heronimus, Schmidt, and Harris • Married with two adult children <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2012 (R), 2014 (R), 2016 (R), 2018 (R), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Patrice Jaye Eichman District 1B District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed to the bench for Black Hawk county in May 2018 (Reynolds) • JD from the University of Iowa School of Law in 1989 • Assistant Public Defender in the State of Iowa Public Defender's office <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>
	<p>Linnea M. N. Nicol District 1B District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed to the bench in 2018 (Reynolds) • Law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1990 • She serves on the Supreme Court of Iowa Family First Prevention Services Act Committee and the Child Protection Council and State Citizen Review Panel • Married and has two children <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (D), 2010 (D), 2014 (D), 2016 (D), 2018 (D), 2020 (D)</p>

Judicial District 2A

	<p>Christopher Foy District 2A District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed to the bench in December of 2007 (Vilsack) University of Iowa College of Law in 1987 Married and has four children <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2016 (D), 2018 (D), 2020 (D)</p>
	<p>Gregg R. Rosenblatt District 2A District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed as a District Associate Judge in October 2008 (Culver) District Judge in August 2012 (Branstad) Law degree from the University of Iowa in 1987 Married and has one daughter <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>
	<p>DeDra Schroeder District 2A District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed to the district bench in May of 2012 (Branstad) Law degree from the University of South Dakota in 1994 Practiced law in private practice until her appointment <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>
	<p>Colleen D. Weiland District 2A District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed to the district bench in July of 2007 (Culver) Law degrees from the University of Iowa Instructed for North Iowa Area Community College and Buena Vista University Married - two daughters <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p> <p>Court Rulings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MASON CITY – A Rockwell man who has had no

		<p>less than 50 criminal cases brought against him by local law enforcement, one of which resulted in a death of a Mason City teen, has again escaped a potential jail sentence as a result of plea bargaining and a lax sentence by District Court Judge Colleen D. Weiland. (https://northiowatoday.com/2012/11/12/judge-colleen-d-weiland-lets-known-crook-again-evade-jail/)</p>
	<p>Karen Kaufman Salic District 2A District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed to the court in 2013 (Bransted) • Law degree from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. • Hancock County Attorney for over twelve years. • Experience with the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2010 (R), 2012 (R), 2014 (R)</p>
	<p>Adam D. Sauer District 2A District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed as a District Associate Judge effective February 23, 2018 (Reynolds) • Law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in 2008 • Winnebago county attorney and Assistant Worth county attorney <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (R), 2012 (R), 2014 (R)</p>

Judicial District 2B

	<p>Gina C. Badding District 2B District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed in 2019 by Reynolds. • Graduated from Carroll-Kuemper Catholic HS. <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>
	<p>Bethany Currie District 2B District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed in 2018 by Reynolds. • Member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Marshalltown <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>
	<p>Angela L. Doyle District 2B District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011 appointed as associate district judge, and 2018 appointed to district judge by Reynolds <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>
	<p>James C. Ellefson District 2B District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed to District Court in 2012 by Branstad. <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: : 2010 (D), 2012 (R), 2014 (R), 2018 (R)</p>

	<p>Amy M. Moore District 2B District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed to District Court in 2019 by Reynolds <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2016 (D), 2018 (D)</p>
	<p>Christopher C. Polking District 2B District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed to District Court in 2019 by Reynolds <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (D)</p>
	<p>James B. Malloy District 2B District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed to District Court in 2007 by Culver. <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (D), 2012 (R), 2020 (D)</p>
	<p>Stephen A. Owen District 2B District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed to District Court in 2012 by Branstad <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2014 (R), 2016 (R)</p>



Joseph L. Tofilon
District 2B
District Associate Judge

- Appointed to District Court in 2019 by Reynolds
- Political Party: Democrat
- Primary Election History: 2014 (D), 2018 (D)

Judicial District 3A





	<p>Charles K. Borth District 3A District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed as district judge in June of 2018 (Reynolds) • District associate judge October, 2009 to June 2018 • Juris Doctorate from Drake University Law School in 1995 • Private practice Zenor, Houchins & Borth <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2016 (R)</p>
	<p>Carl J. Petersen District 3A District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed to the bench in 2012 (Branstad) • Law degree from Hamline University in 1993. • Cass County Magistrate Judge from 1997-2000. • Lyon County Attorney from 2000-2012 • Married and has five daughters. <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2010 (R), 2012 (R), 2014 (R)</p>
	<p>Andrew Justin Smith District 3A District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed district associate judge in 2018 (Reynolds) • Magistrate for Calhoun County since January of 2016 • Private practice in Storm Lake, Iowa • University of Iowa School of Law in 1998 <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2016 (D)</p>

Judicial District 3B

	<p>Tod J. Deck District 3B District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2017 Reynolds <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>
	<p>Zachary S. Hindman District 3B District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2018 Reynolds <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2012 (R), 2014 (R)</p>
	<p>Duane E. Hoffmeyer District 3B Chief District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2001 Vilsack <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2016 (R)</p>
	<p>Mark C. Cord III District 3B District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2018 Reynolds <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (R), 2016 (R)</p>




	<p>John C. Nelson District 3B District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2006 Vilsac <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>
	<p>Daniel P. Vakulskas District 3B District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2018 Reynolds <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (D)</p>




Judicial District 4

	<p>Craig Michael Dreismeier District 4 District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2018 Reynolds <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2012 (R), 2014 (R), 2018 (R), 2020(R)</p>
	<p>James S. Heckerman District 4 District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 1996 by Branstad <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (R), 2012 (R), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Michael Donn Hooper District 4 District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2019 by Reynolds <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2018 (R), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Margaret J. Reyes District 4 District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2018 by Reynolds <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2012 (R), 2014 (R), 2016 (R), 2018 (R), 2020 (R)</p>

	<p>Amy L. Zacharias District 4 District Court Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2019 by Reynolds <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (R), 2018 (R), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Jennifer Benson Bahr District 4 District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2019 by Reynolds <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (D), 2014 (D), 2016 (D), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Eric John Nelson District 4 District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2018 Reynolds <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (R), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Scott D. Strait District 4 District Associate Judge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointed in 2018 Reynolds <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2016 (D)</p>



Judicial District 5A

	<p>Richard B. Clogg District 5A District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Clogg, Indianola, was appointed as a District Court Judge in 2012. He served as a District Associate Judge from 2000 until his appointment to the District bench.</p> <p>He was in private practice for 25 years prior to his appointment.</p> <p>Judge Clogg received his bachelor's degree from Simpson College in 1971 and his law degree from Drake University in 1974. He is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association.</p> <p>Judge Clogg is married and has three children.</p> <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2012(R), 2014 (R), 2016 (D) , 2018 (D), 2020 (D)</p>
	<p>Michael K. Jacobsen District 5A District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Jacobsen was appointed to the bench in June 2018.</p> <p>He received his bachelor's degree in political science from South Dakota State University in 1990 and his Juris Doctorate from Drake in 1993.</p> <p>Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Jacobsen was in private practice for Diehl, Clayton & Jacobsen (1990-1996), assistant Jasper County Attorney (1996-2009), and Jasper County Attorney (2009-2018). He is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association and the Iowa Judges Association.</p> <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (D), 2010 (D), 2012 (D), 2014 (D), 2016 (D), 2018 (D)</p>
	<p>Thomas P. Murphy District 5A District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Murphy was appointed to the bench in 2017.</p> <p>In 1985, Judge Murphy received his undergraduate degree as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Marquette University. Judge Murphy then served four years on active duty in the United States Army. In 1992, he received his law degree with Honors from Drake University Law School.</p> <p>Judge Murphy practiced law for twenty-five years prior to his appointment to the bench. He is a member of the Iowa State and Dallas County Bar Associations.</p> <p>Political Party: No Party (NP)</p>



		<p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p> <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in 2016 Republican caucus.
	<p>Steven W. Guiter District 5A District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Guiter was appointed to the bench in January 2012.</p> <p>He received his bachelor's degree from Iowa State University in 1978 and law degree from Drake University in 1982.</p> <p>Judge Guiter practiced law with the same firm following graduation from law school in 1982 until his appointment to the bench. He is a member of the American, Iowa State, and Marion County Bar Associations. He also served on the Iowa Supreme Court Grievance Commission.</p> <p>Judge Guiter is married and has five children.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2018 (R)</p>
	<p>Steven J. Holwerda District 5A District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Holwerda, Newton, was appointed in 2010 to serve as Jasper County Magistrate and in 2013 to serve as District Associate Judge.</p> <p>He received his bachelor's degree from Dordt College in 1979 and his law degree from Valparaiso University in 1983.</p> <p>Judge Holwerda was in private practice in Newton until his appointment to the bench. He is a member of the Iowa State and Jasper County Bar Associations.</p> <p>Judge Holwerda is married and has three children.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (R), 2014 (R), 2018 (R)</p>
	<p>Mark F. Schlenker District 5A District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Schlenker, Indianola, was appointed to the bench as District Associate Judge in 2012.</p> <p>He was born in Des Moines, graduated from Indianola Community High School in 1972, received a B.S. in Economics from Iowa State University in 1975, and his J.D. from Creighton University in 1978.</p> <p>Prior to appointment to the bench he served as an Assistant Iowa Attorney General, an Assistant Warren County</p>




		<p>Attorney, and was in private practice in Indianola for 31 years. He is a member of the American and Iowa State Bar Associations, having served in many leadership roles, and belongs to the Iowa Judges Association.</p> <p>He is married with two children and two grandchildren.</p> <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2010 (R), 2012 (R)</p>
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Judicial District 5B




	<p>Elisabeth Reynoldson District 5B District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Reynoldson was appointed to the bench in July 2019.</p> <p>She received her undergraduate degree from Iowa State University in 1989, graduating with honors, and her JD with Distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law.</p> <p>Her past experience includes a private practice in Osceola from 1992-2002 and 2013-2019. She was the Clarke County Magistrate from 2001-2002, Clarke County Attorney from 2002-2006, and Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Appeals Division, from 2007-2012. Judge Reynoldson is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, Iowa Organization of Women Attorneys, Blackstone Inn of Court, District 5B Bar Association. She received the Iowa State Bar Association President's Award in 2018 and the Iowa State Bar Association YLD Award of Merit in 2004.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (D), 2010 (R), 2012 (R), 2014 (R), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Monty W. Franklin District 5B District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Franklin was appointed to the bench in 2007.</p> <p>He earned his bachelor's degree from Iowa State University and his law degree, with distinction, from the University of Iowa.</p> <p>Judge Franklin served as a Wayne County Attorney from 1982 to 1986 and has also been in private practice since 1979. Judge Franklin is a member of the Wayne County Bar Association, Iowa State Bar Association and the Iowa Judges Association. He also received the Angels in Adoption Award from U.S. Congressional Coalition On Adoption Institute in March 2005.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>


Judicial District 5C



	<p>Scott J. Beattie District 5C District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Scott J. Beattie was appointed to the bench in 2018.</p> <p>He received his bachelor's degree from Cedarville College in 1989 and his law degree with honors from Drake University in 1992.</p> <p>Before taking the bench, Judge Beattie served on active duty with the United States Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps, as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Des Moines, and as a partner with the law firm of Peddicord Wharton LLP. Judge Beattie is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, the Polk County Bar Association, and the Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers.</p> <p>He is married and has three sons.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican (R)</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (R), 2014 (R), 2018 (R), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Sarah E. Crane District 5C District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Sarah E. Crane was appointed as a District Court Judge in the Fifth Judicial District, based in Des Moines, Iowa, in June 2018.</p> <p>Judge Crane was also appointed as a member of the Iowa Business Specialty Court in November 2019. She grew up in Mason City, Iowa.</p> <p>She received her bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Gustavus Adolphus College in 2004 and her law degree from the University of Chicago Law School in 2007.</p> <p>After starting out in private practice at a firm in Chicago, she returned to Iowa and served as a law clerk for the Iowa Supreme Court. Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Crane was in private practice at the Davis Brown Law Firm in Des Moines. She is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, Polk County Bar Association, Iowa Organization of Women Attorneys, and Polk County Women Attorneys.</p> <p>Judge Crane is married and has four children.</p> <p>Political Party: No Party (NP)</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (D), 2016 (D)</p>

	<p>Celene Gogerty District 5C District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Gogerty was appointed to the bench in November 2018.</p> <p>She received her Bachelor's degree from Drake University in 1992, and her J.D. from the University of Iowa in 1995 with Distinction.</p> <p>Her past experience includes working as the Assistant Linn County Attorney fro 1995-2000, and the Assistant Polk County Attorney from 2000-2018. She is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, Polk County Bar Association, Polk County Women Attorneys, Iowa Judges Association, National Association of Women Judges, and the Iowa Organization of Women Attorneys.</p> <p>Political Party: No Party (NP)</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (D), 2010 (D), 2014 (D), 2016 (D)</p>
	<p>Samantha J. Gronewald District 5C District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Gronewald was appointed to the bench in December 2017.</p> <p>She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa in 2000 and her law degree from Drake University Law School in 2003.</p> <p>Judge Gronewald was in private practice before her appointment.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican (R)</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2010 (R), 2012 (R), 2014 (?), 2016 (R), 2018 (R), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Michael D. Huppert District 5C Chief District Court Judge</p>	<p>Chief Judge Michael D. Huppert was appointed to the bench in December of 1999.</p> <p>He earned his bachelor's degree in 1979 from Drake University and his law degree from Drake University Law School in 1982, where he was inducted into the Order of the Coif.</p> <p>Prior to his appointment to the bench, Chief Judge Huppert was a partner with the Patterson Law Firm in Des Moines. He is a member of the Iowa State and Polk County Bar Associations. He is a member and former director of the Iowa Judges Association. He is also a Master of the Bench (Emeritus) and former president of the C. Edwin Moore American Inns of Court.</p>

		<p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (D), 2010 (R), 2016 (D), 2018 (D), 2020 (D)</p> <p>Court Rulings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the 1, a Michigan-based organization that fights against exceptions for rape, incest or fetal abnormality in abortion-related legislation, sought to intervene in fetal heartbeat lawsuit to remove the exceptions clause. On 09/05/2018, Judge Huppert ruled against the group, writing in his order that the group’s claims go far beyond the legal issues and facts in the initial lawsuit and allowing the group to intervene would delay the case. • Granted summary judgment requested by Planned Parenthood to block enforcement Iowa’s fetal heartbeat law, saying that the heartbeat law violates both the due process and equal protection provisions of the Iowa Constitution. Judge Huppert issued his ruling on 01/22/2019, the 46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.
	<p>Coleman J. McAllister District 5C District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge McAllister was appointed to the bench in April 2019.</p> <p>He received his undergraduate degree in History from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1990 and his J.D. from the University of Missouri Law School in 1993.</p> <p>Before his appointment to the bench he worked as the Judicial Law Clerk Fifth Judicial District of Iowa from 1993-1995, then working for four years in private practice, and 20 years as a prosecutor including serving as Sioux County Attorney from 2007-2014, and as Area Prosecutor with the Iowa Attorney General's Office from 2014 until his appointment. He is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association.</p> <p>Political Party: No Party (NP)</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2010 (R), 2012 (R), 2014 (R)</p>

	<p>Lawrence P. McLellan District 5C District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge McLellan was appointed to the bench in 2012.</p> <p>He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1979 from Drake University. He received his law degree from Drake University in 1983. In 2006 he earned a masters in law degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in dispute resolution.</p> <p>Upon graduation from law school in 1983 he clerked for the Honorable Ronald E. Longstaff, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa. He was with the law firm of Bradshaw, Fowler, Proctor & Fairgrave, P.C. from 1984-2000 engaged in a general civil litigation practice. From 2000 until 2012 he was with the law firm of Sullivan & Ward, P.C. also engaged in general civil litigation and mediation. He is a member of the Polk County and Iowa State Bar Associations. He is an Honorary Member of the Order of the Barristers. He is a member of the Iowa Judges' Association.</p> <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (D), 2012 (R), 2020 (D)</p>
	<p>David Nelmark District 5C District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Nelmark was appointed to the bench in 2019.</p> <p>He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Drake University in 1999 and his law degree from Standford Law School in 2005.</p> <p>His past experience includes working for Gislason & Hunter LLP and Belin McCormick, PC. He is a past president of the American Mock Trial Association and a past president of the Polk County Bar Association.</p> <p>Political Party: No Party (NP)</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>
	<p>Joseph W. Seidlin District 5C District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Seidlin, Clive, was appointed as a District Court Judge in November, 2018, after serving as a District Associate Judge since August, 2013. Before that, he served as a Polk County Magistrate for 8 years.</p> <p>Originally from Rockford, Illinois, Judge Seidlin attended Drake University where he received his undergraduate degree in 1982, and his law degree in 1985.</p> <p>He was in private practice for 28 years before taking the District Associate bench in 2013. Judge Seidl in is a member</p>

		<p>of the Polk County and Iowa Bar Associations, as well as the C. Edwin Moore and Lincoln Inns of Court.</p> <p>He is married and has two adult children.</p> <p>Political Party: No Party (NP)</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p> <p>Court Rulings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed order on 05/29/2019 to temporarily halt enforcement of Iowa law that would have blocked Planned Parenthood from receiving federal grant money for sex education. Judge Seidlin sided with Planned Parenthood, saying it was likely to succeed in its equal protection claim and that it demonstrated significant harm through loss of funding.
	<p>Kimberly Ayotte District 5C District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Kimberly Ayotte was appointed to the bench in February 2019.</p> <p>She received her undergraduate degree from Iowa State University in 1993 and her J.D. from the University of Iowa in 1996 with Distinction.</p> <p>Prior to her appointment, she worked as a staff attorney for 23 at the Youth Law Center. She is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, National Association of Counsel for Children, Child Welfare Law Specialist, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Blackstone American Inn of Court, and the Iowa Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Juvenile Procedure.</p> <p>She is married with two children and a licensed USA swim official.</p> <p>Political Party: Record not found in voter file.</p> <p>Primary Election History: Record not found in voter file.</p>
<p>No Image Available</p>	<p>Brendan Greiner District 5C District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Greiner was appointed to the bench in 2018.</p> <p>He received his undergraduate degree from Iowa State University in 2000 and his law degree from Drake University Law School in 2007.</p> <p>Prior to his appointment Judge Greiner was an assistant county attorney in Polk County and Story County. He resides in Des Moines.</p>

		<p>Political Party: NP</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (D), 2010 (D), 2016 (D), 2018 (D)</p>
	<p>Christopher Kemp District 5C District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Kemp was appointed to the bench in July 2019.</p> <p>He received his Political Science degree from Carleton College in 2006 and his law degree from Drake University in 2009.</p> <p>He is a member of the Blackstone Inn of Court, Iowa Bar Association, and the Polk County Bar Association.</p> <p>Political Party: No Party (NP)</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>
<p>No Image Available</p>	<p>Lynn Poschner District 5C District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Poschner was appointed to the bench in May 2018.</p> <p>She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Northern Iowa in 2003 and her J.D. from Drake Law School in 2007 with High Honors.</p> <p>Her past experience includes private practice law. She is a member of C. Edwin Inn of Court, Iowa State Bar Association, and the Iowa Judges Association.</p> <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>
	<p>Tabitha Lee Turner District 5C District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Turner was appointed to the bench in August 2019.</p> <p>She received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Oregon State University in 2005, and her J.D. from Drake University Law School in 2011.</p> <p>Her past experiences include being the sole practitioner of Turner Law Firm P.L.L.C., specializing in criminal defense, family law, and mediation. She is a member of the Polk County Bar Association and the C. Edwin Moore Inn of Court.</p> <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2018 (D), 2020 (D)</p>



Craig E. Block
District 5C
District Associate
Probate Judge

Judge Block, Ankeny, was appointed to the bench in 2013.

Born in Centerville, IA, he received his associate arts degree from IHCC in 1977, his bachelor's degree from Drake University in 1979, and his law degree, with honors from Drake University in 1981.

Judge Block was in private practice for thirty-one years in Ankeny, Iowa until his appointment. He has taught at Grand View University and served two terms on the Ankeny School Board, and four terms on the Ankeny City Council. Two years prior to his appointment to the bench, he was the COO/General Counsel for the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Judge Block is a member of the Polk County and Iowa State Bar Associations and the Iowa Judges Association.



He is married and has four daughters.



Political Party: Republican


Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2010 (R), 2018 (R)

Judicial District 6



	<p>Jason D. Besler District 6 District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Besler, Cedar Rapids, was appointed to the bench on June 21, 2018 (Reynolds).</p> <p>He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Luther College in 1996 and his law degree with Distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1999. In law school he served as Student Legal Services Co-Director from 1998-1999, where he was awarded the University of Iowa Faculty Award for Client Service.</p> <p>After law school, and prior to appointment, Judge Besler was an Assistant Linn County Attorney from 2000-2018, and was in private practice from 1999-2000. While serving as an Assistant Linn County Attorney, he served on the Child Protection Center Case Review Committee and Elder Abuse Task Force. He was also awarded the Iowa Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Outstanding Service Award in 2018.</p> <p>Judge Besler was recently assigned to the Jury Trial Logistics Committee for the 6th District.</p> <p>Judge Besler is a member of the American Bar Association, Iowa Bar Association, Linn County Bar Association, American Judges Association, and Iowa Judges Association. Judge Besler was appointed in 2020 to the Domestic Violence, Access to Justice, and Elder Abuse Committees for the American Judges Association. Judge Besler is a graduate of the course on General Jurisdiction offered by the National Judicial College.</p> <p>Judge Besler is married and has one child.</p> <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2010 (R), 2012 (R), 2014 (R), 2016 (R), 2018 (R)</p>
	<p>Mary Elizabeth Chicchelly District 6 District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Chicchelly, Cedar Rapids, was appointed to the bench in March 2013 (Branstad).</p> <p>She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in 1989 and her law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1992.</p> <p>Prior to being appointed, Judge Chicchelly was a judicial clerk for District 2A. She worked in private practice in Fort Dodge from 1993-1995, in Waterloo from 1995-1997, and in Cedar Rapids from 1997 until her</p>



		<p>appointment to the bench.</p> <p>Judge Chicchelly is a member of the American Bar Association, Iowa State Bar Association, Linn County Bar Association, LCBA Board of Governors (2008-2010 and president-elect 2012-2013), and Dean Mason Ladd Inn of Court (Master). She is a past president of the Iowa Judges Association and current member of the Iowa Judges Association Board. Judge Chicchelly is also a member of the ABA National Conference of State Trial Judges and has previously served as a delegate to that Conference.</p> <p>She is married and has two children.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (R), 2014 (R)</p>
	<p>Fae Ellen Hoover-Grinde District 6 District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Hoover-Grinde, Cedar Rapids, was appointed to the bench as a district associate judge on December 9, 2003. In 2007 she was appointed to the bench as a district court judge (Vilsack).</p> <p>She was born in St. Ansgar, Iowa, and raised in Marion, Iowa.</p> <p>She received her undergraduate degree from Cornell College in 1987 and her law degree from the University of Iowa in 1990.</p> <p>Judge Hoover-Grinde has served as a public defender in Cedar Rapids and a Legal Service Corp. staff attorney. She is a member of the Linn County Bar Association and the National Association of Women Judges. She is a member of the Linn County Bar Association.</p> <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>
	<p>Cynthia Smith Finley District 6 District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Cynthia S. Finley, Cedar Rapids, was appointed to the district associate court bench in December 2018 (Reynolds). Judge Finley presides over Juvenile Court proceedings in Linn and Benton Counties, as well as Linn County Family Treatment Court.</p> <p>She earned her undergraduate degree from Clemson University in 1984 and her law degree from the University of Iowa in 1994, with high distinction.</p>




		<p>She served as a Linn County Magistrate from August 2007 to December 2018 while also maintaining a private practice which focused primarily on juvenile court. She worked with the Iowa State Public Defenders office, the Linn County Advocate and United Fire Group.</p> <p>She is married with four children.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>
	<p>Angeline Johnston District 6 District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Johnston, Cedar Rapids, was appointed to the bench in 2007 (Culver).</p> <p>Judge Johnston received her undergraduate degree from Luther College, cum laude, in 1989, and her law degree, with honors, from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1992.</p> <p>Judge Johnston started her legal career in private practice in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. She became the Assistant Henry County Attorney in 2001. She moved back to Cedar Rapids in 2001 and worked as an Assistant Linn County Attorney until her appointment to the bench. Judge Johnston is a member of the Linn County Bar Association.</p> <p>She is married and has two children and four step-children.</p> <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (D), 2016 (D), 2018 (D), 2020 (D)</p>
	<p>Casey D. Jones District 6 District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Jones, Cedar Rapids, was appointed to the bench as a district associate judge in 2007 (Culver).</p> <p>He received his undergraduate degree from Cornell College in 1987 and his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1990.</p> <p>Prior to being appointed, Judge Jones worked as a Federal Public Defender and was managing attorney at the Linn County Advocate for 15 years, after working in private practice. He is a member of the Linn County Bar Association and is also a member of the Iowa Judges Association.</p>



		<p>Judge Jones is married with three children.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008(D), 2010 (R), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Russell G. Keast District 6 District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Keast, Cedar Rapids, was appointed to the bench as a district associate judge in 2006 (Vilsack).</p> <p>He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa in 1982 and his law degree from Drake University in 1985.</p> <p>He was in private practice after obtaining his law degree and served as Assistant Linn County Attorney from 1986 until 2006.</p> <p>He is married and has two sons.</p> <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (D), 2010 (D), 2012 (D), 2014 (D), 2016 (D), 2020 (D)</p>


Judicial District 7

	<p>Joel William Barrows District 7 District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Barrows, Bettendorf, was appointed to the bench in 2012 (Branstad).</p> <p>After being raised in Folletts and Camanche, Iowa, he received a bachelor's degree from Coe College in 1983, a master's degree in history from Southern Illinois University in 1986, a law degree from Drake University in 1989, and a master of laws degree in international and comparative law, with distinction, from Georgetown University Law Center in 1993.</p> <p>Prior to appointment to the bench, Judge Barrows served as a child support recovery attorney for Clinton, Jackson and Cedar Counties, an Assistant Polk County Attorney in Des Moines, Iowa, and as an Assistant United States Attorney in both Des Moines and Davenport, Iowa.</p> <p>He is a member of the Scott County and Iowa State Bar Associations, as well as the Iowa Judges Association.</p> <p>Judge Barrows is married and has two children.</p> <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2014 (R), 2016 (R)</p>
	<p>Mark R. Fowler District 7 District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Fowler, Bettendorf, was appointed to the district court bench in July of 2018 (Reynolds). He served as district associate judge from 2012 until his appointment to district court judge.</p> <p>He earned his BA degree from Augustana College in 1990, his MBA degree from Saint Ambrose University in 1997 and his law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in December 1999.</p> <p>From 2000 to 2002 he was in private practice, first at Califf & Harper P.C in Moline, Illinois, and then from January 2002 until his appointment to the bench he was in private practice at the Gomez May law firm in Davenport, Iowa. He is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association and the Dillon Inn of Courts.</p> <p>Judge Fowler resides in Bettendorf, Iowa, is married and has three children.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2016 (R), 2018 (R)</p>



	<p>Marlita A. Greve District 7 Chief District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Greve, Davenport, was appointed to the bench in 2006 (Vilsack) and named as chief judge in 2013.</p> <p>She received her undergraduate degree from Upper Iowa University Magna Cum Laude and her law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1992 with High Distinction.</p> <p>After graduation from law school, she was in private practice with an emphasis in civil litigation and trial work from 1992-2006. Judge Greve has served on numerous statewide committees involving civil discovery rules, informal family law trial program, jury reform, digital recording, expedited civil actions, mental health reform, case management and several other committees as well.</p> <p>As chief judge, she serves on the Judicial Council.</p> <p>Judge Greve is a member of the Scott County Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Association and the Iowa Judges Association. She previously served as a representative in the Iowa Judges Association for the 7th Judicial District.</p> <p>She is married and has one child.</p> <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2016 (D), 2018 (D), 2020 (D)</p>
	<p>Henry William Latham II District 7 District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Latham, Eldridge, was appointed to the bench in 2013 (Branstad).</p> <p>Judge Latham has been a lifetime resident of Scott County. After graduating from West High School he continued his education at St. Ambrose College and ultimately obtained his law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law.</p> <p>Judge Latham maintained a general law practice prior to being appointed to the bench.</p> <p>Judge Latham is married and has three children.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>

	<p>Mark R. Lawson District 7 District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Lawson, Bellevue, was appointed to the bench in 2013 (Branstad).</p> <p>He was born in Davenport, Iowa. He is a 1976 graduate of St. Ambrose College and obtained a law degree from Drake University in 1979.</p> <p>He was in private practice in Maquoketa, Iowa from 1979-2013. He also served as a Jackson County Magistrate from 2010 until his appointment to the district court bench.</p> <p>He is a past board member of the Jackson County Conservation Board and the Maquoketa Area Community Foundation. He is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, the Jackson and Clinton County Bar Associations, and the Iowa Judges Association.</p> <p>Judge Lawson is married and has four children.</p> <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2018 (D), 2020 (D)</p>
	<p>Patrick A. McElyea District 7 District Court Judge</p>	<p>Patrick McElyea, Davenport, was appointed to the bench in 2017.</p> <p>He received his undergraduate degree from Central College and his law degree from Drake University Law School.</p> <p>He previously served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Iowa.</p> <p>Political Party: No Party</p> <p>Primary Election History: No record of voting in primary elections.</p>
	<p>Tamra J. Roberts District 7 District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Roberts was appointed to the District Court Bench in 2019 (Reynolds). She previously served as a magistrate in Cedar County in 2014-2019.</p> <p>She earned her bachelor's degree from Central College in 2003 and her law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in 2009.</p> <p>She is a member of the Cedar County Bar Association and the Iowa State Bar Association.</p> <p>Prior to her court appointment, she was in private practice, and she served as Assistant Attorney General and Cedar County Attorney.</p>



		<p>Judge Roberts is married with two children.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2012 (R), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Christine Dalton Ploof District 7 District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Ploof, Eldridge, was appointed to the bench in November 2006 (Vilsack).</p> <p>She received her bachelor's degree from Coe College in 1986, and her law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1989.</p> <p>Prior to her appointment to the bench, she worked at the State Public Defender's Muscatine Office; at the Muscatine County Attorney's office; and as a staff attorney at Muscatine Legal Services.</p> <p>She is married with two children.</p> <p>Political Party: Record not found in voter file.</p> <p>Primary Election History: Record not found in voter file.</p>
	<p>Korie L. Talkington District 7 District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Talkington, Muscatine, was appointed to the bench in 2018 (Reynolds).</p> <p>She earned her bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Iowa.</p> <p>After graduating from law school in 1999, she served as an Assistant State Attorney in the Eighteenth Judicial District of Florida. She served as an Assistant Muscatine County Attorney from 2001 to 2011 and was First Assistant from 2011 until her appointment to the bench.</p> <p>Judge Talkington is married and has two daughters.</p> <p>Political Party: Record not found in voter file.</p> <p>Primary Election History: Record not found in voter file.</p>



	<p>Cheryl Eileen Traum District 7 District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Traum was appointed to the bench in 2012 (Branstad).</p> <p>She earned a BA Degree in 1979 from the University of Northern Iowa, and her law degree from the Northern Illinois College of Law in 1998.</p> <p>She is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association and the Scott County Bar Association.</p> <p>From 2002 until her appointment to the bench, Judge Traum was in the private practice of law in Davenport, Iowa.</p> <p>Judge Traum resides in Bettendorf and is married with two children.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2018 (R)</p>
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Judicial District 8A

	<p>Gregory G. Milani District 8A District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Milani, Moravia, was appointed district court judge in August of 2018 (Reynolds).</p> <p>He graduated from Drake University in 1982 and earned his law degree from Drake University in 1987.</p> <p>He is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, Wapello County Bar Association and the Appanoose County Bar Associate and has been in private practice since 1987. Judge Milani was appointed to serve Appanoose County as magistrate in 2013.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (R), 2012 (R), 2018 (R), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Rose Anne Mefford District 8A District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Mefford, Oskaloosa, was appointed to the bench in April, 2013 (Branstad).</p> <p>She attended the University of Iowa where she received her Bachelor's Degree in 1991 and received her Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1994.</p> <p>She was an Assistant Wapello County Attorney from 1995-2001. She was a partner in Albers and Mefford, L.L.P., in Albia, Iowa, between 2001 and 2003. On January 1, 2006 She was appointed Mahaska County Attorney; an office she held until her appointment to the bench. She served on the State Board of Directors of Iowa Legal Aid from 2003-2008. Judge Mefford is a member of the Iowa Organization of Women Attorneys, the Iowa Judges Association, the National Association of Women Judges, the Iowa State Bar Association, the Mahaska County Bar Association and the Keokuk County Bar Association.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (R), 2016 (R)</p>

Judicial District 8B

	<p>Mary Ann Brown District 8B Chief District Court Judge</p>	<p>Chief Judge Brown, Burlington, was appointed to the bench in 2001 (Vilsack) and as Chief Judge of the 8th Judicial District in 2012.</p> <p>She was born and raised in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. She attended Drake University, where she received her bachelor’s degree in 1981 and her law degree in 1984.</p> <p>Judge Brown served as a prosecutor in the Des Moines County Attorney’s office until 1990. Thereafter she was in a general private practice in Burlington, until her appointment to the bench. She also served as the Middletown City Attorney. In 2000 she was honored by the Iowa Bar Association with its Community Service Award. She is a past member of the Grievance Commission, Iowa Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters (chair), Iowa Supreme Court Rules of Civil Procedure Committee, the Commission on the Unauthorized Practice of Law, the Judicial Qualifications Commission, and the Civil Justice Reform Task Force. She is a current member of the Iowa Judges Association, the Iowa State Bar Association and the Des Moines County Bar Association.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (D), 2010 (R), 2012 (D), 2014 (R), 2016 (D), 2018 (D), 2020 (R)</p>
	<p>Wyatt P. Peterson District 8B District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Peterson was appointed to the bench in August of 2018 (Reynolds).</p> <p>He received his undergraduate degree from Iowa State University in 2000 and his law degree with honors from Drake University Law School in 2003. During his final year at Drake Law School, he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Drake Journal of Agricultural Law.</p> <p>Judge Peterson was in private practice in Burlington from 2003 through 2006. He served as Assistant Washington County Attorney from 2006 until 2010. In 2010, he established a private practice in Winfield and was also appointed as a part-time Magistrate for Henry County in January of 2017, both of which he continued until his appointment as a District Court Judge.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2010 (R), 2012 (R), 2014 (R), 2016 (R), 2018 (R), 2020 (R)</p>

	<p>Michael J. Schilling District 8B District Court Judge</p>	<p>Judge Schilling was appointed to the bench in 2006 (Vilsack).</p> <p>In 1976, Schilling graduated from the University of Iowa College of Law with distinction. While in law school, he participated in the Journal of Corporation Law, and the regional and national Client Counseling Competition.</p> <p>Following graduation from law school, Schilling served as a VISTA volunteer lawyer on the three Native American reservations in Nebraska. He then served as an Assistant Public Defender before entering private practice. Schilling enjoyed an active criminal and civil trial practice for almost 30 years.</p> <p>Since his appointment to the bench, Schilling has served on several committees, including the Iowa Supreme Court's Civil Justice Reform Task Force, and the Eighth Judicial District's Mediation Committee. Schilling served as drug court judges for several counties for about 9 years ending in December 2018. He is a member of the Des Moines County, Iowa State, and American Bar Associations, the American Judicature Society, and the Iowa Judges Association. Schilling serves as a 4th-grade religious education instructor for his church. He enjoys running, writing, reading history, and making memories with his wife of 35 years, their three children, and extended families.</p> <p>Political Party: Democrat</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (D), 2020 (D)</p>
	<p>Clinton R. Boddicker District 8B District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Boddicker was appointed to the bench in 2018 (Reynolds).</p> <p>He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa in 1993 and his law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1996.</p> <p>After graduation, he went into private practice in Keokuk and Cedar Rapids. In 2011, he became full-time Assistant Lee County Attorney. He was elected Lee County Attorney in May of 2017 until his appointment to the bench. Judge Boddicker is a member of the Iowa County Attorneys Association, National District Attorneys Association, American Bar Association, and South Lee County Bar Association.</p> <p>Political Party: Republican</p> <p>Primary Election History: 2008 (D), 2012 (D), 2014 (D), 2016 (R), 2020 (R)</p>

	<p>Emily S. Dean District 8B District Associate Judge</p>	<p>Judge Dean, Burlington, was appointed to the bench in 2006 (Vilsack).</p> <p>She attended the University of Northern Iowa and received her undergraduate degree in 1996 and received her Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1999 from the University of Tulsa.</p> <p>Judge Dean was a partner at Saunders, Humphrey, Johnson and Dean from 1999 to 2006. She is member of the Iowa Bar Association and serves on the Iowa Lawyers Assistance Program Board and on the Electronic Document Management System Commission.</p> <p>Political Party: Record not found in voter file</p> <p>Primary Election History: Record not found in voter file</p>
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