

**STATE JUDICIAL NOMINATION COMMISSION  
AND OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
JOINT JUDICIAL APPLICATION**

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- 1. State your full name.**

Joel William Barrows

- 2. State your current occupation or title. (Lawyers: identify name of firm, organization, or government agency; judicial officers: identify title and judicial election district.)**

Iowa District Court Judge, Seventh Judicial District

- 3. State your date of birth (to determine statutory eligibility).**

11/7/1960

- 4. State your current city and county of residence.**

Bettendorf, Scott County

**PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL HISTORY**

- 5. List in reverse chronological order each college and law school you attended including the dates of attendance, the degree awarded, and your reason for leaving each school if no degree from that institution was awarded.**

<b>College(s) and Law School(s)</b> – and reason for leaving, if applicable	<b>Dates Attended</b> <b>(Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr)</b>	<b>Degree(s)</b>	<b>Month/Yr Received</b>
Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.	January, 1992, through May, 1993	LL.M. in International and Comparative Law <i>with distinction</i>	May, 1993
Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA	August, 1986, through May, 1989	Doctor of Jurisprudence	May, 1989
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL	January, 1984, through May, 1986	Master of Arts, History	May, 1986
Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA	September, 1979, through August, 1983	Bachelor of Arts	August, 1983

6. **Describe in reverse chronological order all of your work experience since graduating from college, including:**
- a. **Your position, dates (beginning and end) of your employment, addresses of law firms or offices, companies, or governmental agencies with which you have been connected, and the name of your supervisor or a knowledgeable colleague if possible.**

**District Court Judge**

**Iowa Judicial Branch, Seventh Judicial District**

**Scott County Courthouse, 400 W. 4th Street, Davenport, Iowa**

**August, 2012 – Present**

**Chief Judge Marlita Greve**

**Assistant United States Attorney**

**United States Department of Justice,**

**United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Iowa,**

**United States Courthouse,  
Suite 310, 131 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Davenport, IA 52801**

**December, 2000 – August, 2012**

**(Most of my time as an AUSA was spent in the Davenport/Rock Island branch office, but I also worked at the main office in Des Moines.)**

**Donald Allegro, Former Branch Chief**

**Special Assistant United States Attorney, Assistant Iowa Attorney General,  
United States Department of Justice, United States Attorney's Office, Southern  
District of Iowa, Iowa Department of Justice**

**Suite 286, 110 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309**

**October, 1999 - December, 2000**

**Stephen Patrick O'Meara, Former Criminal Chief**

**Adjunct Professor of Law**

**Drake University Law School**

**Cartwright Hall,**

**2507 University Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50311**

**January 1998 - December 1999**

**Dean Jerry Anderson or Professor James Albert**

**Assistant Polk County Attorney**

**Polk County Attorney's Office, Des Moines, Iowa**

**206 Sixth Avenue, Midland Building, Des Moines, IA 50309**

**October 1995 - October, 1999**

**John Sarcone, Polk County Attorney**

**Assistant County Attorney**

**Child Support Recovery Unit, Clinton, Iowa**

**121 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., South, P.O. Box 1175, Clinton, IA 52733-1175**

**September 1994 - October 1995**

**I had no particular supervisor**

**Law Clerk**

**James L. Sayre, P.C.**

**13375 University, Suite 101, Clive, IA 50325**

**November 1993 - May 1994**

**James Sayre**

**Associate Attorney**

**Evans and Dixon, Attorneys at Law**

**1200 Saint Louis Place, 200 North Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102-2749**

**January, 1991 - November, 1991**

**Robert Bidstrup (My managing partner, who is now retired.)**

**Compliment Division of NEOAX (formerly Barrows Enterprises)**

**Camanche, Iowa**

**Mid-70's – 1986**

**(I held numerous positions at this company, which was a family business. While there, I worked in the accounting and purchasing departments. I did various types of sales and production analysis. I was also a plant foreman, quality control inspector and warranty officer. The company is no longer in existence.)**

I have omitted several summer jobs held during my college years and limited this to more substantive positions. I worked for Clinton Fence and Pool briefly after college, but this company is no longer in existence.

- b. Your periods of military service, if any, including active duty, reserves or other status. Give the date, branch of service, your rank or rating, and present status or discharge status.

Not applicable

7. List the dates you were admitted to the bar of any state and any lapses or terminations of membership. Please explain the reason for any lapse or termination of membership.

Iowa (licensed by examination)	June, 1994
Missouri	October, 1989
United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa	August, 1999
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit	April, 2000

8. Describe the general character of your legal experience, dividing it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years, including:
- a. A description of your typical clients and the areas of the law in which you have focused, including the approximate percentage of time spent in each area of practice.

Dates (From -- To)	Description of law practice
January, 1991 - November, 1991	Evans and Dixon, Attorneys at Law St. Louis, MO At the time, approximately 100 attorneys Associate attorney Workers' compensation defense Numerous large self-insured employers and insurance companies
November 1993 - May 1994	James L. Sayre, P.C. Clive, IA Two attorneys Law clerk

	<p>Employment law</p> <p>I was employed to assist with one case involving the Iowa Department of Corrections. Mr. Sayre offered to employ me temporarily while I prepared for the Iowa bar exam.</p>
<p>September 1994 - October 1995</p>	<p>Child Support Recovery Unit Clinton, Iowa</p> <p>One attorney in the Clinton office, dozens statewide</p> <p>Handled paternity actions and legal matters concerning the establishment, modification and enforcement of child support orders including garnishments and involvement in divorce and custody actions. Handled the child support case load for Clinton, Jackson and Cedar Counties. Responsibilities also included supervising the legal work of 8-10 county and state workers.</p> <p>My client would have been the State of Iowa</p>
<p>October 1995 - October, 1999</p>	<p>Polk County Attorney's Office Des Moines, Iowa</p> <p>Approximately 40 attorneys Assistant County Attorney</p> <p>* OWI Attorney, September 1998 - October, 1999</p> <p>Was responsible for all aspects of one third of the felony and misdemeanor OWI docket as well as the driving while barred docket, including, but not limited to, depositions, pre-trial conferences, suppression hearings and bench and jury trials.</p> <p>* Indictable Misdemeanor Attorney, June 1998 - September 1998</p> <p>Was responsible for all aspects of one half of the general indictable misdemeanor docket, including, but not limited to, depositions, pre-trial conferences, suppression hearings and bench and jury trials.</p> <p>* Intake Attorney, September 1997 - June 1998; October 1995 - October 1996</p> <p>Provided legal advice to various law enforcement agencies concerning ongoing investigations, reviewed incoming cases for sufficiency and approved or declined charges or requested follow-up in felony and misdemeanor cases. Prepared search warrants, county attorney subpoenas, trial informations and extradition requests. Handled civilian inquiries. Supervised the unemployment benefits, fraudulent practices program. Handled case referral and case review for the mediation and civilian intake</p>

	<p>aspects of our Restorative Justice Center. Lectured at the Des Moines Police Academy and the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on various subjects. Promoted to Attorney II June 1997 and returned to the intake attorney position, September 1997, where duties continued to include all of the above and trial work. Presented lectures on a variety of subjects at a number of seminars.</p> <p>* Drug and Gang Unit, October 1996 - September 1997</p> <p>Was responsible for all aspects of the misdemeanor drug possession docket including, but not limited to, depositions, pre-trial conferences, suppression hearings and bench and jury trials. Provided legal advice to the police and prepared search warrants for misdemeanor and felony drug cases. Supervised law student interns. Occasionally handled sentencing, guilty pleas and probation revocations in felony cases and reviewed potential felony drug charges to determine if there was sufficient evidence to file charges. Handled property forfeiture hearings that arose from drug cases.</p> <p>My client was the State of Iowa</p>
<p>October, 1999 - December, 2000</p>	<p>United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Iowa, Iowa Department of Justice</p> <p>Des Moines, Iowa</p> <p>Approximately 30 attorneys</p> <p>Special Assistant United States Attorney, Assistant Iowa Attorney General</p> <p>Was responsible for the prosecution of methamphetamine related and ancillary federal offenses under the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program. Also handled Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) cases. Conducted jury trials and argued at the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit while in this position.</p> <p>My client was the United States of America</p>
<p>December, 2000 – August, 2012</p>	<p>United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Iowa</p> <p>Des Moines, Iowa/Rock Island, Illinois/Davenport, Iowa</p> <p>Approximately 30 attorneys</p> <p>Assistant United States Attorney</p> <p>As the Affirmative Civil Enforcement (ACE) AUSA from December, 2000 through January, 2002 responsibilities included enforcement of federal criminal statutes in the areas of health care fraud and the environment, civil False Claims Act and controlled substances actions, common law unjust enrichment actions, etc.. Reassigned to the Criminal Division as of February, 2002 where responsibilities included handling a general criminal caseload. Transferred to the Quad Cities branch office in December, 2002 (at my request) where duties continued to include a general</p>

	criminal caseload in areas as diverse as white collar crime, health care fraud, child exploitation, drug trafficking, failure to pay child support, interstate theft, computer crime, firearms offenses, bank robbery, postal theft, benefit fraud, immigration charges and CVB hearings, as well as supervision of law student externs from the University of Iowa, College of Law. Frequently handled preliminary and detention hearings, contested sentencings, jury trials and appeals in this position. Functioned as the district's point of contact and coordinator for computer crimes and child exploitation crimes (CHIP and Project Safe Childhood Coordinator). Occasionally handled matters as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois.
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**b. The approximate percentage of your practice that has been in areas other than appearance before courts or other tribunals and a description of the nature of that practice.**

Not applicable

**c. The approximate percentage of your practice that involved litigation in court or other tribunals.**

Approximately 90%, with an additional 10% as appellate practice.

**d. The approximate percentage of your litigation that was: Administrative, Civil, and Criminal.**

Types of cases	% of your time
(1) Administrative	5%
(2) Civil	25%
(3) Criminal	70%

**e. The approximate number of cases or contested matters you tried (rather than settled) in the last 10 years, indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel, and whether the matter was tried to a jury or directly to the court or other tribunal. If desired, you may also provide separate data for experience beyond the last 10 years.**

I have been a judge for almost seven years. In the three years preceding that I would estimate that I tried 6-8 trials before a jury, all as sole counsel. Over the course of my legal career I have probably tried close to 50 cases before a jury, almost all as sole counsel. If the number were to also include contested hearings such as preliminary hearings, detention hearings, suppression hearings and sentencings (which in federal court can be small trials) they would number in the hundreds.

- f. **The approximate number of appeals in which you participated within the last 10 years, indicating whether you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel. If desired, you may also provide separate data for experience beyond the last 10 years.**

(My answer covers the period back to 1999.)

Generally, when one leaves employment with the United States Department of Justice they are not allowed to take their work product with them absent a specific request and justification. Therefore, I do not have direct access to the majority of the materials I produced while employed with the United States Attorney's Office. I do have considerable appellate experience at the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. As an Assistant United States Attorney, I handled most of my own appellate work. A name search on the Eighth Circuit website shows me to be associated with 85 cases there. A paralegal at the U.S. Attorney's Office checked their records and reports that I wrote 40 appellate briefs and was named in 53 appeals. I do know that a number of these cases would be 2255 (post-conviction relief) actions that were handled by another attorney in the office. I also would have been co-author on some of the briefs. Therefore, precise numbers are difficult to provide. I argued at the Eighth Circuit on approximately a dozen occasions.

9. **Describe your pro bono work over at least the past 10 years, including:**
- a. **Approximate number of pro bono cases you've handled.**
  - b. **Average number of hours of pro bono service per year.**
  - c. **Types of pro bono cases.**

I have been a District Court Judge or Assistant United States Attorney for the last ten years. As actual pro bono work was not an option, I have made contributions to support those efforts.

10. **If you have ever held judicial office or served in a quasi-judicial position:**

- a. **Describe the details, including the title of the position, the courts or other tribunals involved, the method of selection, the periods of service, and a description of the jurisdiction of each of court or tribunal.**

<b>Dates (From -- To)</b>	<b>Judicial title</b>	<b>County or District</b>	<b>Types of cases within your jurisdiction</b>
August, 2012 – present	District Court Judge	7 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District	General jurisdiction

**b. List any cases in which your decision was reversed by a court or other reviewing entity. For each case, include a citation for your reversed opinion and the reviewing entity's or court's opinion and attach a copy of each opinion.**

**c.**

To date, there have been no decisions by a reviewing court that criticized my rulings. I have listed every case I was involved in that was reversed, including those in which the reversal was not related to my ruling.

The following are all Iowa Court of Appeals decisions, with the exception of the *Hardin* case:

*State v. Williams*, No. 3-683/12-2178, Filed July 24, 2013

*State v. Burton*, No. 3-835/12-2223, Filed October 23, 2013 (The reversal related primarily to a trial issue. I was not the trial judge.)

*State v. Burton*, No. 3-843/13-0398, Filed October 2, 2013

*State v. Pike*, No. 3-903/13-0051, Filed November 6, 2013

*State v. Bunce*, No. 14-0645, Filed February 25, 2015 (The reversal related to a sentencing issue. I was not the sentencing judge.)

*State v. Howell*, No. 14-1411, Filed July 22, 2015 (The reversal related to a sentencing issue. I was not the sentencing judge.)

*State v. Perkins*, No.15-0196, Filed December 9, 2015 (The reversal related to an issue during the plea. I was only the sentencing judge.)

*State v. Howard*, No. 16-0137, Filed January 11, 2017

*State v Hardin*, 885 N.W.2d 428 (Iowa 2016)(Unpublished Disposition). (As noted above, this was a reversal due to a change in the law regarding the imposition of life without parole sentences for juvenile offenders.)

*State v. Richards*, No. 18-0522, Filed March 6, 2019 (*reversed in part*)

*State v. Wooten*, No. 18-0023, Filed December 19, 2018 (*sentence affirmed in part, vacated in part, and remanded*)

They are all also cited in the North Western Reporter, but only as “Decisions Without Published Opinions” table citations. They are available online:

[http://www.iowacourts.gov/About the Courts/Court of Appeals/Court of Appeals Opinions/index.asp](http://www.iowacourts.gov/About%20the%20Courts/Court%20of%20Appeals/Court%20of%20Appeals%20Opinions/index.asp)

Hardin can be found at the following link by searching the term “Romeo Hardin”

[http://www.iowacourts.gov/About\\_the\\_Courts/Supreme\\_Court/Supreme\\_Court\\_Opinions/Opinions\\_Archive/](http://www.iowacourts.gov/About_the_Courts/Supreme_Court/Supreme_Court_Opinions/Opinions_Archive/)

Copies will be provided.

- d. List any case in which you wrote a significant opinion on federal or state constitutional issues. For each case, include a citation for your opinion and any reviewing entity’s or court’s opinion and attach a copy of each opinion.**

I would not say that any of my rulings have involved what I would call a significant opinion on a federal or state constitutional issue. Obviously, many district court decisions touch on constitutional issues, e.g., search and seizure. One of my writing samples is a ruling on a motion to suppress.

**11. If you have been subject to the reporting requirements of Court Rule 22.10:**

- a. State the number of times you have failed to file timely rule 22.10 reports.**

None

- b. State the number of matters, along with an explanation of the delay, that you have taken under advisement for longer than:**

- i. 120 days.**

None

- ii. 180 days.**

None

- iii. 240 days.**

None

- iv. One year.**

None

**12. Describe at least three of the most significant legal matters in which you have participated as an attorney or presided over as a judge or other impartial decision**

**maker. If they were litigated matters, give the citation if available. For each matter please state the following:**

- a. Title of the case and venue,**
- b. A brief summary of the substance of each matter,**
- c. A succinct statement of what you believe to be the significance of it,**
- d. The name of the party you represented, if applicable,**
- e. The nature of your participation in the case,**
- f. Dates of your involvement,**
- g. The outcome of the case,**
- h. Name(s) and address(es) [city, state] of co-counsel (if any),**
- i. Name(s) of counsel for opposing parties in the case, and**
- j. Name of the judge before whom you tried the case, if applicable.**

**Significant legal matter #1:**

*United States v. James William Young*, 613 F.3d 735, (8th Cir. 2010). Young was a Clinton High School band teacher charged with attempting to entice a minor to engage in sexual activity. The primary lasting significance of *Young* was that, in a case of first impression, the Eighth Circuit held that abandonment was not available as a defense in an attempt crime once the defendant has taken a substantial step toward completion of the offense. I represented the United States at trial and on appeal. This case played out from November, 2008, through the Eighth Circuit decision on July 19, 2010. Young's counsel was Alfred E. Willett, Elderkin & Pirnie, PLC, 316 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE, Suite 124, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401, 319-362-2137. The case was tried before The Honorable John A. Jarvey in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.

**Significant legal matter #2:**

*United States v. Jayson Harris*, Criminal No. 3:05-cr-563. Harris was a Davenport resident who created a bogus MSN website, then sent e-mails to MSN customers requesting that they visit the website and update their accounts by providing credit card numbers and other personal information. He obtained numerous credit card numbers through this scheme. The particular significance of the case was that this was one of the first computer phishing cases prosecuted in the United States. Microsoft had filed civil actions against a number of "John Doe" phishers in an attempt to secure their identity through the discovery process. Harris happened to be "John Doe #1" and live in Davenport. The case received considerable national and international press attention. I represented the United States throughout the investigation and prosecution of the case. As a result of handling this prosecution, I was invited to New Orleans to address Digital Phishnet, a national computer security conference sponsored by Microsoft. Harris's activity began in January, 2003. The case came to a conclusion with his sentencing in May, 2006. Harris was represented by Kevin Cmelik, then an Assistant Federal Defender. Kevin is now with the Iowa Attorney General's Office, 1305 E. Walnut St., Des Moines, IA, 50319, 515-281-5164. Harris was sentenced by The Honorable Harold D. Vietor in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.

**Significant legal matter #3:**

*United States v. Otho Leonard Rater*, No. 03-1449 (8th Cir. April 30, 2004) (unpublished). At the time, the Rater case was easily the most notorious child support case in Iowa history. At a bench trial I was able to convict Rater, a former mathematics professor, of 5 counts of willfully failing to pay child support. The case has received untold media attention over the years, and was possibly the most challenging of my career. I represented the United States throughout most of the investigation, at trial and on appeal. The case played out over many years, but the trial occurred in 2002 and the appeal culminated with the above decision. Rater was represented by Gerald “Jake” Feuerhelm, 2155 NE 51<sup>st</sup> Place, Suite B, Des Moines, IA 50313, 515-266-5552. The case was tried before The Honorable James E. Gritzner in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.

**13. Describe how your non-litigation legal experience, if any, would enhance your ability to serve as a judge.**

If appellate practice is to be considered non-litigation legal experience, as noted in 8(f) above, I have considerable appellate experience. Obviously, this is important for an appellate court position in terms of understanding the process, including the roles of advocate and judge.

**14. If you have ever held public office or have you ever been a candidate for public office, describe the public office held or sought, the location of the public office, and the dates of service.**

(The locations are noted in 6(a) above.)

<b>Dates (From -- To)</b>	<b>Public office(s): Indicate “Held” or “Sought” and Location</b>
September, 1994-October, 1995	Assistant County Attorney for Child Support Recovery (Clinton, Jackson and Cedar Counties)
October, 1995-October, 1999	Assistant Polk County Attorney
October, 1999-December, 2000	Special Assistant United States Attorney/Assistant Iowa Attorney General
December, 2000-August, 2012	Assistant United States Attorney
August, 2012-present	District Court Judge

- 15. If you are currently an officer, director, partner, sole proprietor, or otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise or nonprofit organization other than a law practice, provide the following information about your position(s) and title(s):**
- a. **Name of business / organization.**
  - b. **Your title.**
  - c. **Your duties.**
  - d. **Dates of involvement.**

<b>Dates (From -- To)</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Nature of your involvement</b>
2011-2012 2016-present	James Arthur Albert Foundation	Member of Board of Directors
1995-present	The Nature Conservancy	Member

- 16. List all bar associations and legal- or judicial-related committees or groups of which you are or have been a member and give the titles and dates of any offices that you held in those groups.**

<b>Professional associations to which you have belonged</b>	<b>Committees / Offices</b>	<b>Dates (From -- To)</b>
Iowa State Bar Association		1994-present
The Missouri Bar		1989-present
Scott County Bar Association		2012-present
American Bar Association		1989-2000(?) 2015-2018
Dillon Inn of Court		2014(?)-present
Iowa Judges Association		2012-present
National Association of Assistant United States Attorneys	For several years functioned as the organization's delegate in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa	2000-2012

Clinton County Bar Association		1994-1995
Polk County Bar Association		1995-1999
American Society of International Law		Early '90s
Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis		1991

<b>Dates (From -- To)</b>	<b>Government commissions, task forces, etc. on which you served</b>
2016 - 2018	Statewide Public Safety Assessment (PSA) Implementation Team
? – present	Seventh Judicial District Lunch & Learn Committee
? – present	Seventh Judicial District Family Law Informal Trial Pilot Program Task Force
?	Seventh Judicial District Supervised Visitation Committee (Chair)
?	Seventh Judicial District Post-conviction Relief Committee
?	Seventh Judicial District Law Clerk Work Distribution Committee
?	Regional Time Survey Review Focus Group
	Please note, many of the above committees had no formal start date or termination date.

- 17. List all other professional, business, fraternal, scholarly, civic, charitable, or other organizations, other than those listed above, to which you have participated, since graduation from law school. Provide dates of membership or participation and indicate any office you held. “Participation” means consistent or repeated involvement in a given organization, membership, or regular attendance at events or meetings.**

To the best of my recollection the answers to questions 15 and 16 cover all such organizations.

- 18. If you have held judicial office, list at least three opinions that best reflect your approach to writing and deciding cases. For each case, include a brief explanation as to why you selected the opinion and a citation for your opinion and any reviewing entity’s or court’s opinion. If either opinion is not publicly available (i.e., available on Westlaw or a public website other than the court’s electronic filing system), please attach a copy of the opinion.**

*State of Iowa v. Larry Dean Bell/Kendrick E. Sampson*, Ruling on Defendants’ Motion to Suppress (A ruling on a constitutional search and seizure issue.)

*Curry's Transportation Services, Inc. v. Mike Dotson, Eric Ryner, Justin Craig Shafer, and Ryner Transportation, Inc.*, Ruling on Plaintiff's Petition at Law (A bench trial ruling that involved complex business law issues.) *Curry's Transp. Servs., Inc. v. Dotson*, No. 13-1555, 2014 WL 7343243 (Iowa Ct. App. Dec. 24, 2014).

*Matthew D. Hargrave v. Grain Processing Corporation and Kent Corporation*, Ruling on Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment (A summary judgement ruling on an employment law/contractual issue.) *Hargrave v. Grain Processing Corp.*, No. 14-1197, 2015 WL 1331706 (Iowa Ct. App. Mar. 25, 2015).

**19. If you have not held judicial office or served in a quasi-judicial position, provide at least three writing samples (brief, article, book, etc.) that reflect your work.**

In addition to the materials provided in response to question 18, I have attached additional writing samples from my time as an Assistant United States Attorney.

*United States of America v. Greg Allen Johnson*, Brief of Appellee

*United States of America v. James Griffin*, Brief of Appellee

*United States of America v. Paul Warren Wells*, Government's Resistance to Defendant's Motion to Suppress and Brief in Support of Government's Resistance to Defendant's Motion to Suppress.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**20. If any member of the State Judicial Nominating Commission is your spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister, state the Commissioner's name and his or her familial relationship with you.**

Not applicable

**21. If any member of the State Judicial Nominating Commission is a current law partner or business partner, state the Commissioner's name and describe his or her professional relationship with you.**

Not applicable

**22. List the titles, publishers, and dates of books, articles, blog posts, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material you have written or edited.**

<i>On Becoming a Lawyer</i> , 96 Iowa L. Rev. 1511 (2011)
<i>Deep White Cover</i> (Crime Street Press, 2014, republished by Down & Out Books, May 2019)
<i>Deep Green Cover</i> (Down & Out Books, anticipated publication date 2019)
<i>Deep Red Cover</i> (Down & Out Books, anticipated publication date 2020)
<i>Poisoned Waters</i> (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017)
<i>The Drug Lords</i> (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017)

**23. List all speeches, talks, or other public presentations that you have delivered for at least the last ten years, including the title of the presentation or a brief summary of the subject matter of the presentation, the group to whom the presentation was delivered, and the date of the presentation.**

This is, of course, a difficult list to compile after thirty years as an attorney and judge. I have included what I can recall in narrative form as I thought that would be a more complete and useful answer to the question. I would not be able to provide exact dates for most of these presentations or a specific sponsor beyond what is indicated below.

I taught a course on Negotiations at Drake University Law School in the late '90s. I once gave a presentation on truancy law and the truancy program of the Polk County Attorney's Office (PCAO) at a meeting of the School Administrators of Iowa (1995 or 96). I often spoke to youthful offenders as part of the PCAO Youthful Offender Program. I spoke on behalf of the McCain presidential campaign at the 2008 Iowa Caucuses. I have delivered numerous continuing legal education (CLE) presentations, more than I can remember. They have included a presentation on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines at a Scott County Bar Association CLE (approximately 12 years ago?), a presentation to the staff of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa on obtaining electronic/digital evidence, and a presentation to the Iowa Sex Crimes Investigators Association on the prosecution of Federal child enticement offenses (2012). I spoke at a symposium on the future of legal education entitled *Rethinking Legal Education* hosted by the *Iowa Law Review* on February 25 or 26, 2011. I have moderated a presentation on e-discovery issues at a Scott County Bar Association CLE (2012?). I have spoken at several one-hour Lunch and Learn CLEs sponsored by the judges of Iowa's Seventh Judicial District, and continue to do so. I have also lectured on Iowa sentencing law at the Dillon Inn of Court (2013 or 2014), and recently delivered an updated version of this address at a CLE entitled *Views from the Bench* that was held in support of the HELP Regional Offices of Iowa Legal Aid. I also delivered a lecture on domestic abuse

protective orders several years ago at a CLE that was in support of HELP. I was on a panel that addressed the Dillon Inn of Court on the topic *Managing Difficult Criminal Clients* held in Davenport, Iowa, on 3/16/16. I participated in a judicial panel discussion as part of a CLE sponsored by the National Business Institute (NBI) in December of 2014. I have more recently participated in two other judicial panels at NBI sponsored CLEs. Those are *What Civil Court Judges Want You To Know*, held in Davenport, Iowa, on 11/4/16, and *What Family Court Judges Want You To Know*, also held in Davenport on 10/23/15. On 12/18/15 I was on a panel that addressed *Staying on the Right Side of the New Rules* at the Scott County Bar Association's 2015 Last Chance Seminar. This was in Davenport, Iowa. I was recently on a large panel that addressed racial disparity in the criminal justice system. This was at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, on 4/11/17. I am unsure of the exact sponsor(s) for this event but do recall that the NAACP's state director was the moderator. Over the years I have also lectured to innumerable law enforcement agencies on matters such as search and seizure, criminal investigation and prosecution, etc. Finally, I recently addressed my daughter's fifth grade class on the Bill of Rights (May 15, 2018.)

I try to honor as many requests to speak as I can. In most instances this is as a member of a panel of judges. I have also given several interviews to the media related to the work of the court or to my work as an author. Those I can recall are listed below:

*Stolen guns in Iowa often led to other crimes*, The Cedar Rapids Gazette, March 28, 2014, available at the following link: <http://thegazette.com/2013/03/17/stolen-guns-in-iowa-often-lead-to-other-crimes/>

Interview on KHSU Radio regarding my novel, *Deep White Cover*, on November 20, 2014. This was previously available at the following link, but it appears that the recording is no longer accessible: [http://khsu.streamguys.net/TNT\\_Joel%20Barrows.mp3](http://khsu.streamguys.net/TNT_Joel%20Barrows.mp3)

*Crime thriller is judge's debut as author*, Quad City Times, July 19, 2014, available at the following link: [http://qctimes.com/entertainment/crime-thriller-is-judge-s-debut-as-author/article\\_87fbb8a0-f45b-5c55-9cad-6f067527eebb.html](http://qctimes.com/entertainment/crime-thriller-is-judge-s-debut-as-author/article_87fbb8a0-f45b-5c55-9cad-6f067527eebb.html)

The Dana Pretzer Show, June 24, 2014, to discuss my book, *Deep White Cover*, available at the following link: <http://scaredmonkeysradio.com/2014/06/24/the-dana-pretzer-show-tuesday-june-24-2014-with-special-guests-joel-barrows-and-keith-thibodeaux/>

(I am not sure if this is still available at the above link.) It is available at:

<http://www.joelwbarrows.com/uploads/2/9/4/7/29477279/danapretzer-joelwbarrows-062414.mp3>

Georgetown Alumni Online, Alumni Author Spotlight: Summer Thrillers, available at the following link: <http://alumni.georgetown.edu/alumni-stories/alumni-authors-summer-thrillers>

Interview on WVIL Radio regarding my novels on June 17, 2017, available at the following link: <http://wvik.org/post/scrabble-joel-barrows#stream/0>

*Scott County Drug Court Celebrates New Graduates*, Quad City Times, May 5, 2017, available at the following link: [http://qctimes.com/news/local/scott-county-drug-court-celebrates-new-graduates/article\\_2a4a5932-9eed-560b-ac0f-1fc8444871ba.html](http://qctimes.com/news/local/scott-county-drug-court-celebrates-new-graduates/article_2a4a5932-9eed-560b-ac0f-1fc8444871ba.html)

I was also interviewed for an article on Drug Court that was published in The Catholic Messenger in June of 2018.

- 24. List all the social media applications (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, LinkedIn) that you have used in the past five years and your account name or other identifying information (excluding passwords) for each account.**

<b>Social media application name</b>	<b>Account name or other identifying information</b>
Facebook	jwbarrows@aol.com
LinkedIn	Jwbarrows@aol.com
Twitter	@jwbarrows
Goodreads	Jwbarrows@aol.com
reddit	joelwbarrows
Amazon author page	Joel W. Barrows
Indie Writers Support	<a href="mailto:Jwbarrows@aol.com">Jwbarrows@aol.com</a>
joelwbarrows.com	

- 25. List any honors, prizes, awards or other forms of recognition which you have received (including any indication of academic distinction in college or law school) other than those mentioned in answers to the foregoing questions.**

<b>Name/Title of Honor, Prizes, Awards</b>	<b>Awarded by:</b>	<b>Month/Yr Received</b>
American Jurisprudence Award in Wills and Trusts		1987 or 1988
Dean's List, Drake Law School	Drake Law School	
Graduated with distinction from my LL.M. program at Georgetown (approximately 25% of the LL.M. class graduated with distinction).	Georgetown University Law Center	May, 1993

Two top A's at Georgetown University Law Center, National Security Law and International Organizations.		1992 or 1993
Certificate of Recognition from the Iowa Department of Public Safety for my work with the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force	Iowa Department of Public Safety	2012
Various leave and bonus awards from the United States Attorney's Office	United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Iowa	numerous

26. **Provide the names and telephone numbers of at least five people who would be able to comment on your qualifications to serve in judicial office. Briefly state the nature of your relationship with each person.**

The Honorable Thomas D. Waterman, Justice, Iowa Supreme Court  
 Scott County Courthouse  
 400 W. Fourth St.  
 Davenport, Iowa 52801  
 563-326-8725

The Honorable Christopher McDonald, Justice, Iowa Supreme Court  
 Iowa Judicial Branch Building  
 1111 East Court Avenue  
 Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
 515-348-4974

The Honorable John A. Jarvey, Chief United States District Court Judge,  
 Southern District of Iowa  
 United States Courthouse  
 123 East Walnut Street, Room 221  
 Des Moines, Iowa 50309  
 515-284-6279

The Honorable Marlita A. Greve, Chief Judge, Seventh Judicial District  
 Scott County Courthouse  
 400 W. Fourth St.  
 Davenport, Iowa 52801  
 563-326-8783

The Honorable Thomas J. Shields, Senior United States Magistrate Judge,  
(Former Chief United States Magistrate Judge)  
United States Courthouse  
131 E. 4th St.  
Davenport, IA 52801  
563-884-7601

Professor James A. Albert  
Drake University Law School  
Cartwright Hall  
2507 University Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50311  
515-271-2061

William C. Purdy, Chief, Civil Division  
United States Attorney's Office  
U.S. Courthouse Annex  
110 East Court Avenue, Suite 286  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309-2053  
515-473-9300

I would consider all Of the these individuals to be professional colleagues and friends.

**27. Explain why you are seeking this judicial position.**

I have enjoyed serving as a district court judge. I would like to take that experience to the Court of Appeals, both for the fresh challenge it would present and for the opportunity to have an impact on a statewide basis. I have always enjoyed the more academic aspects of the profession, the research and writing. That is reflected in my hobby as a novelist. I believe that I could craft opinions in a useful, clear and concise manner, and do so with maximum efficiency.

I believe that I have demonstrated a patient, thoughtful judicial temperament while on the bench, a strong work ethic, and a firm grasp of the issues. I make certain that litigants have been heard, and that they feel they have been heard. My broad experience as a litigator, appellate advocate and judge leave me thoroughly equipped to meet this challenge. Being appointed to the Court of Appeals would be a great honor. As a child support recovery attorney, state prosecutor, federal prosecutor and judge, I have spent my career working to improve the lives of the citizens of Iowa. I would be honored to continue that work as a judge on the Iowa Court of Appeals.

**28. Explain how your appointment would enhance the court.**

I believe that I could offer a useful perspective if given the opportunity to serve on the Court of Appeals. I have litigated cases in state and federal court, argued dozens of appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and presided over a wide variety of cases as a trial judge. I have civil and criminal experience, both as a litigator and as a judge. As an Assistant United States Attorney, I handled cases of immense complexity, including: tax fraud, bank fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud, mortgage fraud, and, environmental crimes. These cases often involved dissecting and understanding business and banking practices, including analysis of accounting records. I was also both the Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property Coordinator and Project Safe Childhood Coordinator for the Southern District of Iowa. This afforded me the opportunity to become trained in, and experienced with, cutting-edge issues of electronic evidence and computer forensics, including the complicated topic of privacy in the age of the internet. I have maintained an interest in this area and believe that my knowledge of the subject matter could be useful to the Court of Appeals as it continues to grapple with those issues. I have overseen the Seventh Judicial District's Drug Court program, completing my rotation in January of this year. This was a profound experience that gave me insight into the challenges faced by those in our criminal justice system who struggle to break the grip of addiction as they attempt to rehabilitate their lives. I believe that specialty courts are a cost-effective and humane way to deal with many non-violent offenders, especially those who suffer from drug addiction and mental illness. The things I have learned in this role inform much of what I do as a judge. Finally, I believe that experience as a district court judge is essential to most effectively serve on the appellate court that reviews the actions of the district court.

**29. Provide any additional information that you believe the Commission or the Governor should know in considering your application.**

In addition to my legal experience, I have considerable business experience helping to build a family company into a sizeable corporation. I was employed by the Compliment Division of NEOAX (formerly Barrows Enterprises) at their Camanche, Iowa location. While there, I worked in the accounting and purchasing departments, did various types of sales and production analysis, and functioned as a plant foreman, quality control inspector and warranty officer. This was from the mid-'70s through 1986. During my high school and college years I also worked for the Clinton Park Board, a lumberyard and at a fence and pool construction company.

I am proud to be a small-town Iowan raised by small-town Iowans. I grew up in Folletts and Camanche, both in Clinton County. My parents were children of the Depression who worked hard and eventually built a successful family business. I am the first in my family to go to college, conscious of the sacrifices of those who made that possible. All of this informs my character and fuels my work ethic. I hope to take what I have learned to the Iowa Court of Appeals.