

**Iowa Judicial Branch**  
**Application for a Court of Appeals Judge Position**

(Revised: 7-14-2018)

**Part 1: Personal Background Information Form**  
**For Submission to the State Judicial Nominating Commission**  
*See the "Instructions for Applicants" (a separate page)*

1. Applicant's full name:

Sharon Soorholtz Greer

2. Current occupation/title. (Lawyers: identify name of firm, organization, or government agency; judicial officers: identify title and judicial election district):

Partner – Cartwright, Druker & Ryden

3. City and county of residence:

Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa

4. Age:

63 years

5. Gender (Female / Male):

Female

6. Race/ethnicity:

White/Caucasian

Please provide this information so we can determine the extent to which the Iowa courts are attracting candidates from diverse racial/ethnic backgrounds. *Please write in the one or two categories that best fit(s) your background.*

- Asian/Pacific Islander (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Indian, Pakistani, Filipino, Indonesian, native Hawaiian)
- Black/African       Hispanic/Latina(o)       Native American (e.g., Meskwaki, Sioux, Inuit)
- White/Caucasian       Other (write it in one of the boxes)

7. Are you related (within the third degree of consanguinity) to any of the members of the State Judicial Nominating Commission involved in the selection process for the position for which you are submitting this application? (Yes or No) If your answer is "yes," please explain.

No.

8. Have you ever had a social relationship or business relationship (e.g., as a business or law partner) with any of the members of the State Judicial Nominating Commission involved in the selection process for the position for which you are submitting this application? (Yes or No) If your answer is "yes," please explain.

No.

9. Explain why you are seeking this judgeship position:

I have always wanted to be involved in the appellate process and have strongly thought that I could make a difference for lowans by using the skills, experience and work ethic that I have developed over the years. I would like to challenge myself in a new role.

10. Explain how your appointment would enhance the court:

Growing up and practicing law in a rural community allows a perspective of lowans' strengths, failings, motivations and needs. I have represented individuals from all walks of life and from all economic situations. My experience in a wide variety of areas of the law also allows me to step into the Court of Appeals with a strong legal background. I have been fortunate to have had extensive opportunities to try cases and understand what the legal landscape from the litigants' view and the trial lawyer's view. Often, I am asked to consult on cases so that my experience can be utilized and I believe that those strengths can be extremely helpful to understand how fairness can be achieved when reviewing a record in an appeal. Overall, my ability to collaborate with the other members of the Court to provide my unique perspective with the strong knowledge of many areas of the law could help the Court with its heavy workload.

11. Identify any offenses for which you have ever been **convicted** or pled guilty for the violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, *excluding* convictions that have been properly *expunged*. Do not include traffic violations for which the court imposed a fine of \$250 or less, unless you were arrested. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Convicted of (describe offense)	Seriousness of charge (e.g., serious misdemean., felony)	Location of court (County, State)	Disposition type (Plea, judge ruling, jury verdict)	Sentence / Penalty	Sentence date (mo/day/yr)
N/A					

12. Has any local, state, or federal office/agency ever assessed or threatened to assess you with a civil or criminal penalty in connection with the reporting of, or **failure to report, your federal, state, or local taxes?** (Yes or No) If yes, provide details.

N/A

13. Have you ever been the subject of a **no-contact order?** (Yes or No) If yes, provide details (case number, county, state, date issued, date rescinded, and reason for the NCO).

No.

14. Have you ever been a **party** in any **legal proceeding** (excluding traffic violation cases for which a fine of \$250 or less was imposed, unless you were arrested)? If yes, provide the following information: *(Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)*

Case number	County, State	Date filed	Date close	Description of case and outcome
N/A				

15. Have you ever been **publicly disciplined** in any manner for a breach of professional ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary board, or other professional group? If yes, provide the following information: *(Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)*

Name of discipline board or agency	Date discipline imposed	Description of the ethics violation	Description of the public discipline
N/A			

16. List each **college and law school** you attended, including the dates of attendance, the degree awarded, and your reason for leaving each school if you did not receive a degree from that institution was awarded. *(Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)*

College(s) and Law School(s) – and reason for leaving, if applicable	Dates Attended (Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr)	Degree(s)	Month/Yr Received
Iowa State University	9/1974-8/1978	Double degrees: Psychology and Child Development	8/1978
University of Iowa Law School	9/1979-5/1982	JD	5/1982

17. List any relevant **honors, prizes, awards**, or other forms of recognition that you have received for educational, professional, or community contributions/achievements. *(Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)*

Name/Title of Honor, Prizes, Awards	Awarded by:	Month/Yr Received
Meritorious Service Award	Iowa Defense Counsel	9/2018
Iowa Supreme Court – Voice for Justice Award	Iowa Supreme Court	6/2018
Community Service Award	Iowa Bar Association	6/2004

<b>Fred H. Sievert Award - National Outstanding Defense Bar Leader</b>	<b>Defense Research Institute</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Governor's Volunteer Award</b>	<b>Governor of Iowa</b>	<b>1993 and 1996</b>
<b>Iowa Chapter of NCPA Award for Outstanding Contributions to Child Abuse Prevention in Iowa</b>	<b>NCPA – Iowa Chapter</b>	<b>1992</b>

18. List all articles and books you have published; include the citations and dates. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

<b>67 Iowa Law Review 133 (1981) The Iowa Livestock Warranty Exemption – Illusory Protection for the Buyer</b>

19. List all public presentations you have made at educational, professional, or other public forums; include the citations and dates. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

<b>Title of Presentation</b>	<b>City, State</b>	<b>Event Sponsor</b>	<b>Month &amp; Year</b>
<b>Combating the Reptile Theory</b>	<b>Sioux Falls, SD</b>	<b>PEPL Fund</b>	<b>1/2019</b>
<b>How to Prepare for Mediation – Lawyer Perspectives</b>	<b>Des Moines, IA</b>	<b>Inns of Mediation</b>	<b>11/2018</b>
<b>Trial Tips</b>	<b>Des Moines, IA</b>	<b>Polk County Bar</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Ethics Panel</b>	<b>Des Moines, IA</b>	<b>Iowa Bar Association</b>	<b>2010-15</b>

20. List all part-time and full-time teaching positions you have held. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

<b>Name of School / College</b>	<b>City, State</b>	<b>Name of Course(s)</b>	<b>Month/Yr to Month/Yr</b>	<b>Full-time or Part-time</b>
<b>N/A</b>				

21. List the courts or jurisdictions in which you are, or have been, admitted to practice law, including any administrative bodies with special admission requirements, and the dates of admission for each. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

<b>State and federal jurisdictions in which you are, or have been, admitted to practice law</b>	<b>Month/Yr Admitted</b>
<b>Iowa State Bar</b>	<b>6/1982</b>
<b>Federal Court – Northern and Southern Districts</b>	<b>5/1985</b>

22. List chronologically the **employment** you have had *since your initial admission to practice law* in any state or federal jurisdiction. For each time period, provide the following information as applicable:

a. If you served as a law clerk to a judge, provide the name of the judge, the court, and the court's location.

Dates (From -- To)	Name of judge, name of court, and court location

b. If you have practiced law, provide the following information for each position you have held:

- (1) Name of the law firm(s), company, or government agency that employed you,
- (2) City and state where the office was located,
- (3) Number of attorneys in the law firm or agency,
- (4) Whether you were a partner in the firm,
- (5) The areas of law in which you practiced, and
- (6) A description of the typical clients you represented. *(Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)*

Dates (From -- To)	Description of law practice (address topics in 22(b)(1) – (6) for each time period)
1982-86	<p><b>Greer, Nelson, Montgomery, Barry &amp; Bovee, Spencer, Iowa</b>  <b>7 attorneys</b>  <b>Associate</b>  <b>Divorce, Juvenile, Criminal and Civil litigation – along with other general practice areas, such as estate planning, real estate and probate.</b>  <b>I represented individual plaintiffs, corporations, individual defendants, insurance companies and other Northwest Iowa residents</b></p>
1986-2019	<p><b>Cartwright, Druker &amp; Ryden, Marshalltown, Iowa</b>  <b>4 attorneys</b>  <b>Partner</b>  <b>Divorce, Criminal and Civil litigation – along with other general practice areas.</b>  <b>I represent individuals, corporations, insurance companies and other Iowa residents over many counties in Iowa.</b></p>

23. Regarding your legal experience:

a. Approximately what percentage of your court appearances have been in the following types of courts?

Type of court	% of
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	appearances
(1) Federal courts	1%
(2) State courts	97%
(3) Administrative agencies	2%
(4) Other tribunals	

b. Approximately what percentage of your time have you spent on the following types of cases?

Types of cases	% of your time
(1) Administrative	1%
(2) Civil	82%
(3) Criminal	2%
(4) Domestic	4%
(5) Juvenile	
(6) Probate	1%
(7) Other (describe): General Office Practice	10%

c. In the past 10 years, approximately how many cases have you tried to a conclusion (rather than settling) before a judge and before a jury? Indicate the number in which you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

Type of trial	Total # of trials	# as sole counsel	# as chief counsel	# as associate counsel
Tried before a jury	31	31		
Tried before a judge	17	17		
<b>Column Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>		

d. In the past 20 years, in approximately how many cases have you have represented a party in an appeal to an appellate court in any state or federal jurisdiction? Indicate the number in which you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

Appellate court*	Total # of appeals:	# as sole counsel	# as chief counsel	# as associate counsel	# in which you presented oral argument
Iowa Supreme Court	2	2			2
Iowa Court of Appeals	31	31			10
Other state appellate					

court (identify):					
Other state appellate court (identify):					
Other state appellate court (identify):					
Other appellate court (identify):					
Federal Circuit Court(s)					
U.S. Supreme Court					
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>			<b>12</b>

\* Count it as an appeal to an intermediate court of appeals (ICA) -- e.g., Iowa's Court of Appeals -- if the state intermediate court of appeal initially handled it; count it as a separate appeal to the supreme court (SC) if the SC accepted it upon a petition for further review from the ICA; count an appeal to the supreme court if the SC retained jurisdiction without first assigning it to the ICA. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

- e. Describe the general nature of your **current law practice**, including the substantive areas of the law in which you practice (e.g., civil, domestic, criminal) and the approximate percentage of time you have spent on each area over the **past five years**:

In a city of approximately 26,000 people, I operate a small firm law partnership involving the general practice of law. For example, I write wills and do estate planning for families in the area. I am involved helping many guardianships and conservatorships. For many years, I had an extensive family law practice and now I still have several family law matters pending. Typically, I maintain several criminal cases where I am defending lowans. The majority of my practice relates to civil trial work, primarily, but not exclusively, on the defense side of the case. Many insurance companies across the nation have hired me to defend individual lowans and corporations in cases that are very basic to extremely complex. My practice has involved motor vehicle claims, dram shop defense, premises liability matters, breach of contract claims, construction defect litigation, trade secret cases, employment law, malpractice cases – legal and medical, and defamation claims. It varies so much, but for example, in 2019, the litigation consumes over 82% of my time and I generally spend 8% of my time on office practice work and another 5% on family law matters. The remaining 5% relates to criminal defense and other general work advising lowans on legal issues.

24. Describe three of the most significant legal matters that you have personally handled. For each of the significant legal matters include the following information:
- a. Title of the case and the county and state of 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,
- 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.

Note: if the matter was *confidential*, please avoid the use of any information that may allow disclosure of the identity of the parties.

**Significant legal matter #1:**

**Thompson v. Kaczinski, 774 N.W.2d 829 (Iowa 2009):** I represented the landowners in this case involving injuries sustained by motorist Thompson. Kaczinski removed the top of a trampoline and left it in his yard. A storm blew through in the early morning hours lifting the trampoline onto the roadway. As Thompson came over the rural gravel road hill, he swerved to miss the trampoline and rolled his vehicle several times in the ditch sustaining injuries. Randy Hefner of Adel, Iowa (now a Judge in Judicial District 5) represented Thompson.

**Significance:** The Iowa Supreme Court adopted the Restatement (Third) of Torts – Liability for Physical and Emotional Harm. The outcome was the same irrespective of the change in the law. My frustration was that the Iowa Supreme Court Justices, who were on the bench at that time, did not allow the attorneys to brief or discuss the ramifications of adopting the Restatement (Third) of Torts in Iowa, yet used this case to make a dramatic change in the legal landscape in Iowa.

On March 24, 2008, Judge Darrell Goodhue granted my request for summary judgment dismissing the case against Kaczinski. The Iowa Court of Appeals affirmed Judge Goodhue on December 17, 2008, and the Iowa Supreme Court on November 13, 2009, changed the Iowa law and determined that the issues were to be resolved by a jury and not by summary judgment. Hefner and I tried the case before Judge Paul Huscher and a Dallas County jury returned a defense verdict in favor of the landowners on October 10, 2010.

**Significant legal matter #2:**

**CIETC:** To showcase the diversity of my practice, a non-litigation matter that was significant to our State involved my investigation skills. In May of 2006, to facilitate an ongoing investigation by the Iowa legislature into activities of various individuals involving CIETC board activities, I was hired along with Richard (Dick) Sapp of the Nyemaster firm in Des Moines and Tim Bottaro of the Vriezelaar firm in Sioux City to assist in the fact-finding. We conducted numerous interviews and collected a number of documents. The Legislative Oversight Committee sought advice and guidance for hearings and the important collection of testimony. I helped formulate the structure of the investigation and helped analyze the problem of non-profit board oversight for the State of Iowa.



**Significance:** This work led to several legislative changes for Iowa in the areas of ethics in government employment, the structure of non-profit corporations and oversight of such corporate boards. The material we collected, along with the excellent work of the Oversight Committee, highlighted the potential problems non-active board members pose for non-profit groups.

**Significant legal matter #3:**

**State v. V.S.:** In 1991, I represented a young woman charged with felony theft. Her career goal was to become an accountant and with this conviction, we knew she would have difficulty pursuing that path. She arrived in my office after providing a loss prevention specialist from a national chain retailer a signed confession of the alleged theft of a significant amount of store inventory. The Marshall County Attorney Diane Wilder Tomlinson charged my client with felony theft and we proceeded to trial on April 2, 1991. Believing the confession was coerced and truly knowing that my client was innocent, there was no choice but to try the case and not accept a plea deal. The jury acquitted my client of any wrongdoing. Judge Dale Ruigh was the trial judge.

**Significance:** My client was going to school to become an accountant. The ramifications to her personally to have this felony theft on her record was tremendous. While cases or legal matters may be significant on a broad state level, this matter emphasizes the importance of our work to the people we represent and the heavy burden we face as litigators. We cannot forget the dire consequences the law imposes on those wrongly accused. Not only did we win this case, but for me, it was the first time I ever had a jury return a verdict and then have jurors hug me and my client. I have had many successful verdicts posted on national web sites, but none has ever felt as satisfying as this acquittal.

25. Have you served as a judicial officer in any state? (Yes / No):  If "No" – skip to # 26.

a. If "Yes" - provide the following information: (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Judicial title	County or District	Types of cases within your jurisdiction

b. If you have been a judicial officer in Iowa during the previous **five years**:

(1) How many times did you fail to file the monthly Rule 22.10 reports by the report deadline?

(2) During the past **five years**, how many cases did you list on your Rule 22.10 reports that were more than the following number of days old from the time they were submitted for a ruling?

	<b>120 days old</b>	<b>180 days old</b>	<b>240 days old</b>	<b>One year old</b>
<b># of cases more than:</b>				

26. 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): (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Name of business / organization	Your title	Your duties	Dates (From -- To)
Soorholtz Sisters, LLC	Managing Member	Oversee duties as landlord for farm operation	2018 - current
Martha Ellen Tye Foundation	Secretary	Take notes at meetings	2019 – for a 6 year term
Fisher Governor Foundation	Vice President	Help oversee foundation activities	2017 - current

27. List all county, state, and national bar association and professional organization memberships and the years you have been a member of each (e.g., 1998 to present), and identify any committees on which you have served and offices you have held in those organization(s) - and the titles and dates of any offices you have held. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Professional associations to which you have belonged	Committees / Offices	Dates (From -- To)
American Bar Association		1998 - 2018
Iowa Bar Association	Litigation Committee member (2008-2010) and Economic Development Committee member	1982 - current
Marshall County Bar Association	President (2012)	1986 - current
American College of Trial Lawyers		2015- current
Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers	Vice President (2019)	1998- current
American Board of Trial Advocates	Past President	1998- current
Iowa Defense Counsel	Past President	1998- current
Defense Research Institute	Past State Representative	1998- current
International Association of Defense Counsel		2001- forward

28. List all local, county, state, and national government (including but not limited to judicial branch) commissions, task forces, or advisory committees on which you have served - and any titles (e.g., chair) you have held on such commissions or committees. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Government commissions, task forces, etc. on which you served
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2018- current	Downtown Marshalltown Study Committee – City of Marshalltown
2018-current	Highway 14 Steering Committee – City of Marshalltown
1988 - current	Planning and Zoning Commission – City of Marshalltown
2014-current	Marshalltown Regional Partnership

29. Describe your **pro bono** work during the past 10 years:

a. Approximate number of pro bono cases you've handled:	I have handled and continue to handle several cases each year for persons where I do not charge for my services. I also provide extensive time to volunteer organizations and non-profit groups.
b. Average number of hours of pro bono service per year:	70+ hours
c. Types of pro bono cases:	Criminal, small claim disputes and divorce primarily. We also do free wills for people in Hospice care and help many non-profit organizations in the area with free advice on many areas of the law.

30. List any **employment outside of the legal profession** that you have had since graduating from law school that may be relevant to this application; include: (a) the dates, (b) organization or business for whom you worked, and (c) duties you performed. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Business / Organization Name, City, State	Your Duties
N/A		

31. Have you ever held **public office** or have you ever been a candidate for public office? If the answer is "yes," describe the public office held or sought, the location of the public office, and the dates. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Public office(s): Indicate "Held" or "Sought" and Location
N/A	

32. Provide the following information on your **military service** (if any): (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Military branch	Current Rank	Location and dates of service in other countries	Current Status (Active/Inactive)
N/A				

33. List any **civic, charitable, religious, educational, social or fraternal organization(s)** to which you belong or provide volunteer services. Describe the nature of your involvement with the

organization(s), including any offices you have held with the organization(s). (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Organization Name	Nature of your involvement
2014 - current	Marshalltown Regional Partnership	Board Member
2019 - current	Martha Ellen Tye Foundation	Secretary
2017 - current	Fisher Governor Foundation	Vice President

34. 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. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Social media application name	Account name or other identifying information
Twitter	@SharonGreer1
Facebook	Sharon Greer
Instagram	sharonsgreer
Snapchat	Soorholtz 719
LinkedIn	Sharon (Soorholtz) Greer

35. **References:** List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of at least five persons who are in a position to provide knowledgeable comments about your qualifications for this judicial position.

Name	Address	Telephone number
Janice Thomas	801 Grand, Suite 3700, Des Moines, IA	515-246-5828
Guy Cook	500 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA	515-245-4300
Paul Peglow	118 E. Main Street, Marshalltown, IA	641-752-8800
Connie Alt	115 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street SE, Suite 500, Cedar Rapids, IA	319-731-2217
Joesph Fitzgibbons	108 North 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, Estherville, IA	712-362-7215

36. Provide any additional information that may reflect positively on you or which you believe would assist the State Judicial Nominating Commission in selecting nominees for this position.

Please see my curriculum vitae which provides additional details related to my life, service and career.

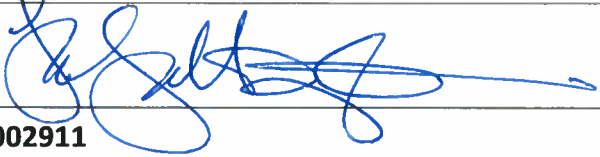
37. When you submit this application form, attach at least two writing samples (e.g., brief, opinion, or book) that reflect your personal work. Note: **Do not** submit a writing sample that includes confidential information about you or any other person unless you remove / redact the confidential

information to obscure the identity of the parties and any information that may allow disclosure of the parties' identity.

**38. Photo:** If you are willing, please provide a photo of yourself. In the event you are one of the nominees, your photo will be shared as part of the press release.

**39. Certification.** I certify under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa that the information I have provided above is true and correct.

Applicant's signature:


<b>AT0002911</b>
<b>March 11, 2019</b>

Attorney PIN:

Date:

**SHARON SOORHOLTZ GREER**  
**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**Birth date:** December 3, 1955  
**Spouse:** Joel T. S. Greer, Partner, Cartwright, Druker & Ryden Law Firm  
**Children:** Kate Soorholtz Greer and Erin Soorholtz Greer

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

- ! Cartwright, Druker & Ryden, Marshalltown, Iowa; Associate, July 1986 - 1992; Partner, 1993 - present
- ! Greer, Nelson, Montgomery, Barry & Bovee, Spencer, Iowa; Associate, July 1982 - June 1986;
- ! Johnson, Sudenga, Carter & Latham, Marshalltown, Iowa; Law Clerk, Summer 1981 - May 1982;
- ! Professor Alan Widiss, College of Law, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa; Research Assistant, 1982;
- ! Marshall County Clerk of Court, Marshalltown, Iowa; General Clerical in all District Court areas, 1980.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND POSITIONS**

- A. American Bar Association (1982- present)
- B. Iowa State Bar Association (1982 - present)
  - 1. Executive Council, Young Lawyers Section (1985 -1986, 1989 - 1991)
  - 2. Chairperson of Young Lawyers Summer Seminar (1986)
  - 3. Continuing Legal Education Section council member (1990 - 1991)
  - 4. Iowa Bar Association Legislative Committee (1989 - 1990)
  - 5. Iowa Bar Association Litigation Section Council Chair (2008 - 2010)
- C. Clay County Bar Association (Secretary/Treasurer 1984-1986)
- D. Iowa Defense Counsel - Board of Directors (1998 -present)
- E. American Agricultural Law Association (1982 - 1985)
- F. Clay County Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission (1985 - 1986)
- G. Supreme Court Law Library Advisory Committee (1986 - 1988)
- H. Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education (1986 - 1995)(chair 1990 - 1995)
- I. Supreme Court Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee (1988)
- J. Member, District 2B Judicial Nominating Commission (1991 - 1996)
- K. Marshall County Bar Association (1986-forward)
- L. Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers (1998-forward)
- M. American Board of Trial Advocates (2000-forward)
- N. Chair, Iowa Supreme Court Ethical Rules Drafting Committee (2000-2002)
- O. International Association of Defense Counsel (2001-forward)
- P. American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow (2015-forward)
- Q. Defense Research Institute – State Representative (2013-2016) Member 1988-forward).

## **CIVIC AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

1. **First Congregational Church (Youth Leader 1984 - 1985) (Board of Benevolence - 1985 - 1986)**
2. **American Association of University Women (Vice President 1983 - 1986) (State Task Force-Women's Work/Women's Worth 1985 - 1986)**
3. **PEO (1983)**
4. **Spencer Police and Firemen Retirement Board (1983 -1986)**
5. **Clay County Republican Central Committee Member (1983 -1986)**
6. **American Heart Association Board Member (1983 - 1986)**
7. **Sunshine Center Board Member (1984 - 1986)**
8. **Member of Congressman Bedell's Academy Nominations Recommendation Committee (1985 - 1986)**
9. **Upper Des Moines Opportunity Head Start Health Advisory Board (1986)**
10. **Red Cross Board Member (1983 - 1985)**
11. **Women's Week Celebration Advisory Committee 1986**
12. **Taught Spencer Junior High Moot Court 1986**
13. **Taught for Iowa Lakes Community College Night Classes (1983 - 1985)**
14. **Iowa River Hospice Board Member (1987 - 1993), Chairperson for Program Advisory Committee (1989), Vice President (1990), President (1991 - 1993)**
15. **Project KIDS Committee Member Marshalltown Schools (1989 and 1996)**
16. **Marshall County Day Care - Board member (1990)**
17. **Area Council on Child Abuse and Neglect - Board Member (1987 - 1992) , President (1991 - 1992), Board Member (1994 - 1997), Secretary (1994 -1997)**
18. **Iowa Chapter of the NCPA Award for Outstanding Contributions to Child Abuse Prevention in Iowa (1992)**
19. **Governor's Volunteer Award (1993 and 1996)**
20. **Family Futures Co-Chairperson (1992)**
21. **United Way Co-Chairperson - Professional Fundraising (1993)**
22. **Chair, Citizens for DeTaeve Political Campaign (1994)**
23. **Iowa State Legislative Task Force - Child Protection (1994)**
24. **Marshalltown Mock Trial Instructor (High school 1992 - 1997)(Middle school 1996 - 2002)**
25. **City of Marshalltown, Planning and Zoning Committee (1993 - present)**
26. **Marshall County Children in the Middle Program (1995)**
27. **Marshalltown Schools Facilities Study Committee, Chair (1996 - 1997)**
28. **Co-Organizer for Marshalltown "Big Bridge Brush-up" Recruiting over 800 volunteers to paint the viaduct. (1997)**
29. **Chair, Marshall County for Mike Mahaffey for U.S. Congress (1996)**
280. **1997 Magistrates Conference, Presenter, Standard for Professional Conduct: A Bench-Bar Panel on Ethics**
31. **Vice President, Hughes Grove Neighborhood Association**
32. **Speaker: 1998 Bench Bar Conference**
33. **Speaker: 1998 Bar Association Annual Meeting**
34. **MASC Soccer Coach and Building Fundraiser Chairman (1995 - 2001)**
35. **Chamber of Commerce - Housing Committee**
36. **Speaker: 1998 Iowa Defense Counsel Annual Meeting**
37. **Speaker: 1998 Bar Association Traveling Seminar**
38. **Board Member, Mediation and Community Services, (1997 - 2000)**
39. **Member (1999), School Facilities Committee, Chair (1997)**
40. **Speaker: 2001 Academy of Trial Lawyers Meeting**
41. **Speaker: 2001 Bar Association Bridge the Gap Seminar**
42. **Speaker: 2001 Bar Association Annual Meeting**
43. **Speaker: 2001 Bar Association Summer Seminar**

44. City of Marshalltown, Chamber of Commerce (1999- 2004)
45. Speaker, 2002 Academy of Trial Lawyers Meeting.
46. Speaker, 2002 Defense Counsel Mini-Seminar.
47. Attendee, National Security Forum, US Air War College (2002).
48. SATUCI, Board Member and Chair (1988-current).
49. Speaker, Women in the Law Conference (University of Iowa) (2004)
50. Speaker, Grinnell Mutual Underwriting Seminar (2004).
51. Speaker, Grinnell Mutual Regional Seminar (2014 and 2017).
52. Speaker, Bridge the Gap – Ethics Panel (2010 – 2015).
53. Marshalltown Regional Partnership, Board Member (2014-forward).
54. Speaker, Polk County Bar (2016).
55. Speaker, Iowa Defense Counsel (2016).
56. Vice President, Fisher Governor Foundation (2017).
57. Member, Marshalltown Highway 14 Steering Committee (2018).
58. Speaker, Inns of Mediation meeting (2018).
59. Iowa member of CCJ/COSCA Midwest Regional Summit on Civil Reform (2018).
60. Secretary, Martha Ellen Tye Foundation (2019).
61. Member, Downtown Marshalltown Study Committee (2019).
62. Speaker, South Dakota PEPL Fund attorney group (2019).

## **LEGAL EDUCATION**

### UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Juris Doctor Degree, 1982

Phi Delta Phi - Magister

Member of the IOWA LAW REVIEW

Published: Note, The Iowa Livestock Warranty Exemption: Illusory Protection for the Buyer (Oct. 1981)

Member of Law School Programming Committee

Member of Law School Student Recruitment and Academic Support Committee

Member of University Council on Teaching Committee

Supreme Court Day Escort for 2 years

Student member of the American Agricultural Law Association - 1st student speaker at the First Annual Conference and student representative on the Planning Committee

## **UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION**

### IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Double B.S. Degrees in Psychology and Child Development

Graduated with Distinction, May and August of 1978

Honors: Alpha Lambda Delta

Kappa Delta Pi

Lampos

Psi Chi

ISU Honors Program-Seminar Instructor and College of Home Economics Representative

Extracurricular Activities:

ISU Student Ambassador

Homecoming Central Committee-Alumni Relations Chair

College of Home Economics Faculty Advisory Committee

Student Teaching Abroad-England

ISU Wrestling Cheerleader

Pi Kappa Alpha Little Sister

Counseling Psychology Research Assistant

Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority-First Vice President,

Treasurer, Outstanding Officer, Dallas Alumni



Scholarship Recipient

**PREPARATORY EDUCATION:**

West Marshall Senior High School Graduate, 1974  
National Honor Society, Soroptimist Scholarship Recipient,  
Varsity letter-Track, Football and Wrestling Cheerleader,  
Student Council Member, Girl's State, Homecoming Queen Court

**OTHER EMPLOYMENT:**

- A. The Bankers Life, Des Moines, Iowa; Group Pension Administrator of pension and profit-sharing plans (1978 - 1979)
- B. Melbourne Recreation Center, Melbourne, Iowa; Lifeguard and swimming instructor (1972 - 1976)
- C. Detasseled corn, walked beans and baled hay and straw for all of the summers I had a driver's license.
- D. Raised purebred Hampshire hogs.

**INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:**

- A. Tennis, Biking and Running
- B. Gardening
- C. Family time with husband, Joel and two daughters, Kate and Erin.