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

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. **State your full name.**

Meghan Kathleen Corbin

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

Attorney, Gomez May LLP  
Judicial Magistrate for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

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

6/27/1986

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

Davenport, 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.**

|                                       |                    |      |         |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------|---------|
| The University of Iowa College of Law | 08/2008 to 05/2011 | J.D. | 05/2011 |
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|---|--------------------|------|---------|
| The University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts & Sciences | 08/2004 to 05/2008 | B.A. | 05/2008 |
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6. Describe in reverse chronological order all of your work experience since graduating from college, including:
- 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.
  - 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.

The State of Iowa-Judicial Magistrate (2017-Current)  
 Scott County Courthouse  
 400 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Davenport, IA 52801  
 Supervisor- Judge Henry Latham

Gomez May LLP-Attorney (2011-Current)  
 2322 E. Kimberly Rd. Ste 120W  
 Davenport, IA 52806  
 Supervisor-Ronald A. May

Gomez May LLP- Intern (2008-2011)  
 2322 E. Kimberly Rd. Ste 120W  
 Davenport, IA 52806  
 Supervisor- Ronald A. May

University of Iowa- Trial Advocacy Teaching Assistant (2010)

Thomas Reuters Westlaw- Brand Representative/Research Aid (2009-2011)

Family Care Solutions- Home Health Aid (2005-2010)  
 Supervisor-Joanie Steil

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                               | 09/2011 |
| Southern Judicial District of Iowa | 11/2011 |

**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.**

- 15% Civil Litigation- I have represented both Plaintiff and Defense sides of civil litigation proceedings.
- 15% Criminal Litigation- I have represented defendants in all levels of criminal proceedings from traffic violations to Class A felonies.
- Employment Law- Both Plaintiff and Defense work.
- 60% Family Law- I represent both petitioners and respondents. I have also represented parents in adoption proceedings.
- 2.5% Juvenile Law- I have represented juveniles in criminal proceedings. I have also represented parents in CINA proceedings as well as represented children as a Guardian Ad Litem in CINA proceedings. I regularly represent minors as a Guardian Ad Litem in private termination proceedings.
- 2.5% Administrative- I have represented clients in a variety of administrative hearings including: Disability, Department of Transportation, Unemployment (both employers and former employees), School Board disciplinary proceedings; civil rights proceedings (Both Plaintiff and Defendants).
- Personal Injury- I have represented both plaintiff and defendants.
- Probate- I have represented parties to estates, guardians, conservators and proposed wards.
- 5% Real Estate- I have represented buyers, sellers, and mortgage companies.
- Business Law- Preparation of company formation documents and contracts.
- Estate Planning- Preparing wills and powers of attorney.

**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.**

5% real estate.

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

95%

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

Administrative: 10%

Civil: 75%  
 Criminal:15%

- 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.**

| Type of trial | Total Trials | No. as Sole Counsel | No. as Chief Counsel | No. as Assoc. Counsel |
|---------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Jury Trial    | 6            | 2                   | 2                    | 4                     |
| Bench Trial   | Approx. 76   | Approx.70           | Approx.70            | Approx. 5             |

- 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.**

| Total Appeals | No. as Sole Counsel | No. as Chief Counsel | No. as Assoc. Counsel | No. you presented oral argument |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 6             | 2                   |                      | 4                     |                                 |

9. **Describe your pro bono work over at least the past 10 years, including:**

- a. **Approximate number of pro bono cases you've handled.**

14 cases

- b. **Average number of hours of pro bono service per year.**

20-30 hours

- c. **Types of pro bono cases.**

Family Law and Criminal Law

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.**

|                   |                     |              |  |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|
| 08/2017 – Present | Judicial Magistrate | Scott County | Traffic, Municipal Citations, Simple Misdemeanors, Small Claims, Forcible Entry and Detainers, Mental Health commitment hearings, Substance abuse commitment hearings. |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|

- 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.**

Not aware of any.

- c. 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.**

None.

**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:**

State v. Dale Blumer, Scott County, Iowa; I was defense counsel for Mr. Blumer who was charged with 10 criminal counts including a Class B Drug violation; 5 class D felonies for various drug charges and child endangerment, 2 aggravated misdemeanors and a serious misdemeanor. These charges resulted of being caught having a meth lab in a daycare; This case presented challenging sentencing issues within the complex drug code section, ethical issues, and my first experience with judicial conflict; and my first experience handling the media; I was the only attorney on the case; Mr. Blumer ultimately plead guilty to the class B violation, 3 class D violations and the serious misdemeanor violation; plea proceedings were held in front of Judge Nancy Tabor and Mr. Blumer was sentenced on 6/26/2013 and then re-sentenced (as the result of an illegal sentence) on 8/29/2013.

**Significant legal matter #2:**

Garnetta Chiles vs. Christopher Dunn, Scott County, Iowa; I represented the plaintiff Ms. Chiles who was injured in an automobile accident; Liability was admitted and the only issue was the amount of damages; Trial was held on 10/24/2011; A jury awarded \$0 dollars; Opposing counsel was Brian Fairfeild; Judge Joel Barrows presided over the proceedings; This case was significant because I tried it approximately one month after receiving my license to practice. I spent a large amount of time preparing for this case and preparing my witness. During the trial I learned: that I love being in a courtroom; that sometimes no amount of time spent preparing is enough; how to conduct a jury trial; and that juries are unpredictable.

**Significant legal matter #3:**

State v. Justin McGowan, Scott County, Iowa; I was defense counsel for Mr. McGowan who was charged with murder in the first degree and going armed with intent; This case was significant because I was able to get a firsthand look into a completely different community and way of life. This case taught me about perspective and allowed me to see the weight and significance that environmental factors have on criminal

activity; Mr. McGowan plead guilty to voluntary manslaughter and going armed with intent on 12/11/2015 and was sentenced by Judge Nancy Tabor on 1/22/2016.

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

My non-litigation legal experience has introduced me many different types of clientele and personalities and has trained me to work with anyone. I have also developed critical thinking and problem solving skills that are solution and cooperation based as opposed to the adversarial nature of litigation.

**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.**

No.

**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.

| Name of business / organization | Your title | Your duties   | Dates (From -- To) |
|---------------------------------|------------|---|--------------------|
| Outing Club                     | Director   | Resource management; Program and service feasibility planning; event management/planning; strategic planning. | 01/2019 – Present  |
| Friends Community Social Club   | Director   | Program development; Resource development and management;   | 5/2021-Present     |

**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.**

|                              |                   |                |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Scott County Bar Association | Executive Council | 2015 - Present |
|                              | - Vice President  | - 2017 – 2018  |
|                              | - President       | - 2018 – 2019  |

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|--|-----|----------------|
| Iowa State Bar Association               | N/A | 2011 - Present |
| American Bar Association                 | N/A | 2011 – Present |
| American Association of Justice          | N/A | 2010 - 2012    |
| The National Trial Lawyers Association   | N/A | 2014           |
| The National Association of Justice      | N/A | 2011-2013      |
| The Iowa Organization of Women Attorneys | N/A | 2021-Present   |

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.

| Dates (From – To) | Organization Name   | Nature of your involvement  |
|-------------------|---|---|
| 2011 – 2014       | Pleasant Valley High School Mock Trial Team                     | Head Coach  |
| 2014-Current      | Hand-In-Hand  | Board Member, event volunteer.  |
| 2016-2017         | St. Anthony’s Catholic Church                                   | R.I.C.A. participate in weekly events and meetings for prospective applicants.                                      |
| 2011-2014         | Scott County Bar Association- Mock trial chair                  | Organize middle school and high school mock trial tournament.   |
| 2012-2018         | Modern Woodmen of America Chapter 26 fraternal benefit society. | Volunteer at a number of charity events and charity campaigns including: Be and Everyday Hero and Knock-out Hunger. |
| 2019-Current      | The Outing Club   | Board Member  |
| 2021-Current      | Friends Community Social Club                                   | Board Member  |

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.

N/A.

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.

See Attached.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

20. If any member of the District 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.

None.

21. If any member of the District 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.

None.

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.

None.

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.

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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.

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| Facebook | Meghan Kiroff |
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| Instagram | @MrsKiroff    |
| Snapchat  | Meghan Kiroff |

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.

| Name/Title of Honor, Prizes, Awards   | Awarded by  |
|---|---|
| Magna Cum Laude   | University of Iowa College of Communication         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Arbitration Advocacy Tournament                           | The University of Iowa College of Law               |
| 2011 National Association of Justice Mock Trial National Championship Runner-Up | National Association of Justice                     |
| Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers Award   | The University of Iowa College of Law               |
| 1st place Roy L. Stephenson Competition   | Iowa Law School                                     |
| 2014 National Trial Lawyers 40 under 40   | National Trial Lawyers                              |
| 2015 National Academy of Personal Injury Trial Attorneys Top 10 under 40.       | National Academy of Personal Injury Trial Attorneys |

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.

| Name          | Relationship                   | Telephone number |
|---------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Ron May       | Law firm partner               | 563-359-3591     |
| Cathy Cartee  | Mentor                         | 563-349-0164     |
| Garth Carlson | Law firm partner               | 563-370-8110     |
| Tyler Buller  | Former classmate and colleague | 515-975-0191     |
| Paul Aitken   | Colleague                      | 319-321-8500     |
| Kris Lyons    | Colleague                      | 319-481-7963     |
| Shea Doyle    | Colleague                      | 563-320-5289     |

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

I have the skills, temperament, and work ethic that would make me an asset to the court and the community. I have a strong passion for the law, problem solving, being in the courtroom and connecting to people. I have had the opportunity to serve the community in a part time judicial position for the past 4 years and have greatly enjoyed being able to develop my skills and interact with the judicial system in this capacity.

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

I have spent my career taking on complex legal challenges in a variety of areas of law, and have continually focused on exploring different ways to resolve conflicts. Diversifying my practice taught me how to counsel people from all walks of life. My diverse law practice and clientele has taught me to be dynamic and efficient and has enhanced my ability to be thoughtful, open-minded and capable of seeing all sides of an issue. It has also allowed me to continually practice my research skills.

I have been able to further practice these skills through my work as a judicial magistrate over the past 4 years. During my tenure I have specifically focused on ensuring that litigants are both treated with respect and have the opportunity to have their story heard. It has also allowed me to practice the open-minded analytical thinking required of a neutral arbiter. Being a magistrate has trained me to handle a high-volume caseload and has enabled me to learn EDMS from the judicial side. My experience balancing my position as a judicial magistrate and my private practice has helped to further develop my time management and administrative skills. My energy, efficiency, knowledge of EDMS, and experience as a judicial magistrate would allow me to quickly become an effective and productive member of the Court.

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