

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

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

- 1. State your full name.**

Amy Marie Moore

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

District Court Judge, Second Judicial District

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

April 8, 1978

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

Ames, Story 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.**

Creighton University School of Law, Omaha, Nebraska  
Attended August 1999 – May 2002  
Juris Doctor Awarded May 2002

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa  
Attended August 1996 – August 1999  
Bachelor of Arts With Distinction Awarded August 1999

- 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, Second Judicial District  
2019 – Present

Story County Justice Center  
1315 South B Avenue  
Nevada, IA 50201

Supervisor: The Honorable James Drew, Chief Judge,  
Second Judicial District, (641) 456-5672

Judicial Magistrate, Story County  
2016 – 2019

Ames City Hall  
515 Clark Avenue  
Ames, IA 50010

Supervisor: The Honorable Kurt Wilke, Former Chief Judge,  
Second Judicial District, (515) 576-0581

Adjunct Instructor, Des Moines Area Community College  
2016 – 2019

Ames Hunziker Center  
1420 South Bell Avenue  
Ames, Iowa 50010

Supervisor: Jeff Kelly, Coordinator, Ames Hunziker Center,  
(515) 663-6708

Owner, Attorney, and Mediator, Mid-Iowa Mediation and Law PLLC  
2012 – 2019

621 Main Street  
Ames, Iowa 50010

Intake Attorney, Iowa Legal Aid Iowa City Regional Office  
2007 – 2010

1700 South 1st Avenue  
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Supervisor: My supervisor was Jan Rutledge, the former Director of the Iowa Legal Aid Iowa City Regional Office. Ms. Rutledge passed away in 2021.

Owner and Operator, Olive and James Bakery  
2006 – 2013

Iowa City, Iowa, and Ames, Iowa

Co-Owner, Two Tarts Cake Co.  
2005 – 2006

Chicago, Illinois

Co-Owner: Melissa Miller, (847) 644-0276

Trial Attorney, Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho  
2002 – 2005

10 North Post Street, Suite 700  
Spokane, Washington 99201

Supervisor: Roger Peven, Former Director,  
Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho, (509) 323-9000

Legal Intern, Federal Public Defender, District of Nebraska  
2000 – 2002

222 South 15th Street, Suite 300N  
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

Supervisor: Karen Shanahan, Assistant Federal Public Defender,  
District of Nebraska, (402) 221-7896

Legal Intern, Federal Public Defender, Southern District of Iowa  
2000

400 Locust Street, Suite 340  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Supervisor: My supervisor was Nicholas Drees, former Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Iowa. Mr. Drees passed away in 2011.

- 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.**

I have not served in the military.

- 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 Supreme Court, 2002

United States District Court, Southern District of Iowa, 2002

United States District Court, Eastern District of Washington, 2002 (Inactive)

United States District Court, District of Idaho, 2002 (Inactive)

United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, 2002 (Inactive)

- 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.**
- 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.**
- c. The approximate percentage of your practice that involved litigation in court or other tribunals.**
- d. The approximate percentage of your litigation that was: Administrative, Civil, and Criminal.**
- 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.**
- 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.**

2019 – Present

On May 1, 2019, I began my service as a district court judge. Since my appointment, I have presided over approximately seventy trials to the court, seven civil jury trials, and seven criminal jury trials. I also preside over a weekly “court service day” where I typically handle all types of motions, as well as criminal guilty plea and sentencing hearings. While some motions may be quickly dealt with and my ruling filed, a considerable amount of my workload includes more complex motions, including motions for summary judgment. These matters often require significant time to review the case and the issues presented, conduct legal research, and ultimately draft a ruling. Without having exact statistics, I would estimate that the majority of my caseload involves family law, criminal law, and probate matters. The number and type of cases also varies from county to county.

2007 – 2019

Beginning in 2007, I worked for Iowa Legal Aid as an intake attorney in Iowa City. I opened my own general practice in 2012 in Ames. From 2007 through 2019, my typical clients included individuals from all walks of life and socioeconomic statuses as well as small businesses. I focused on family law, probate and estate planning, drafting contracts, employment law, juvenile law, criminal law, criminal appeals, and post-conviction relief actions. During this time period, litigation comprised anywhere from 50% to 70% of my practice. My litigation was approximately 5% administrative, 65% civil, and 30% criminal.

I completed training to become certified in collaborative practice, which is a voluntary legal process in which the parties agree to work collaboratively, along with their attorneys, to resolve disputes without litigation. I also became a certified mediator and served as mediator in cases including dissolution of marriage, custody, probate, employment law, elder care, juvenile matters, truancy, and other civil law disputes before, during, and after the litigation process. I served as a roster mediator for family law matters in Boone, Marshall, and Story Counties, as a roster mediator for the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Judicial Districts, and as a roster mediator for the Polk County Probate Mediation Pilot Program. I also served as the truancy mediator for Story County and Boone County.

In 2016, I was appointed as judicial magistrate for Story County. As the only magistrate in Story County, I handled all small claims actions and the majority of all forcible entry and detainer actions, municipal infractions, traffic and ordinance

violations, and involuntary commitment proceedings. During my tenure as magistrate, I presided over approximately seventy-five civil and criminal bench trials, and approximately five simple misdemeanor criminal jury trials.

In the last ten years, all of my cases were handled as sole counsel. I tried approximately thirty cases, four of which were jury trials. I participated as sole counsel in approximately fifteen appeals during this time period. I also contributed appellate research and writing support to other attorneys on a contract basis.

2002 – 2005

From 2002 through 2005, I represented indigent criminal defendants in proceedings in the United States District Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States. I practiced solely in federal court, appearing in criminal trial and appellate matters, as well as civil post-conviction trial and appellate matters. My practice was devoted entirely to representing indigent criminal defendants charged with federal crimes or those that were seeking civil post-conviction relief. My practice was approximately 90% criminal and 10% civil (post-conviction relief).

I estimate I tried between twenty and thirty matters to conclusion as sole counsel, including jury and bench trials. During this time, all of my practice was comprised of appearances before trial and appellate courts.

2000 – 2002

From 2000 through 2002, I worked as a law clerk in two federal defender offices while in law school. I conducted research and drafted trial and appellate motions, briefs, and legal research memoranda for review by Assistant Federal Defenders and the Federal Defenders.

**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.**

Prior to my appointment as a district court judge, I handled approximately two hundred fifteen pro bono cases, averaging approximately one hundred hours of pro bono service per year. These cases included drafting contracts, small claims actions, dissolution of marriage and custody cases, criminal defense work, and mediation.

**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.**

District Court Judge, Second Judicial District, 2019 – Present

I have served as a district court judge for the Second Judicial District since my appointment by Governor Kim Reynolds on April 1, 2019. I currently serve with ten other district court judges in subdistrict 2B, which encompasses Boone, Calhoun, Carroll, Greene, Hamilton, Hardin, Humboldt, Marshall, Pocahontas, Sac, Story, and Webster counties. Of these counties, I primarily work in Story, Marshall, Boone, Hamilton, Hardin, and Webster.

The district court docket in subdistrict 2B is wide ranging in both civil and criminal matters. My cases include civil torts, breach of contract claims, employment law actions, criminal felonies and misdemeanors, applications for post-conviction relief, dissolution of marriage and paternity and custody actions, administrative child support proceedings, guardianships and conservatorships, probate and trust actions, administrative appeals, appeals of the decisions of district associate judges when they are presiding as a magistrate, and other civil, criminal, and administrative actions.

The jurisdiction of a district court judge includes “exclusive, general, and original jurisdiction of all actions, proceedings, and remedies, civil, criminal, probate, and juvenile, except in cases where exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction is conferred upon some other court, tribunal, or administrative body.” Iowa Code section 602.6101.

Judicial Magistrate, Second Judicial District, Story County, 2016 – 2019

I was appointed by the Magistrate Nominating Commission for Story County in 2016 to fill an unexpired term following the resignation of my predecessor. I was re-appointed to the position in 2017 by the Commission. During my tenure, I served as the sole judicial magistrate for Story County.

As magistrate, I presided over civil and criminal judicial hearings and bench and jury trials including simple misdemeanors, county and municipal infractions, involuntary civil commitments, forcible entries and detainers, replevins, and small claims. I also issued search warrants and conducted initial appearances.

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 602.6405, magistrates “have jurisdiction of simple misdemeanors regardless of the amount of the fine, including traffic and ordinance violations, and preliminary hearings, search warrant proceedings, county and municipal infractions, and small claims.” Magistrates also “have jurisdiction to determine the disposition of livestock or another animal, as provided in sections 717.5 and 717B.4, if the magistrate determines the value of the livestock or animal is less than ten thousand dollars.” Magistrates also “have jurisdiction to exercise the powers specified in sections 556F.2 and 556F.12, and to hear complaints or preliminary informations, issue warrants, order arrests, make commitments, and take bail.” Additionally, magistrates “have jurisdiction over violations of section 123.49, subsection 2, paragraph ‘h’.” Attorney magistrates also “have jurisdiction over all proceedings for the involuntary commitment, treatment, or hospitalization of individuals under chapters 125 and 229, except as otherwise provided under section 229.6A.” Magistrates have jurisdiction to conduct hearings authorized under section 809.4. Magistrates also hear and determine violations of and penalties for violations of section 453A.2, subsection 2.

- 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.**

*Tim v. Tim*, Story County case number SCSC056946

*State v. Cruz*, Story County case number FECR058425,  
No. 20-1625, 2021 WL 5106448 (Iowa Ct. App. Nov. 3, 2021)

*Hardy-Wilson v. Hadaway*, Story County case number DACV051647,  
No. 21-0336, 2021 WL 5475585 (Iowa Ct. App. Nov. 23, 2021)

- 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.**

I have addressed constitutional issues in numerous rulings, primarily involving search and seizure issues raised in criminal motions to suppress evidence as well as right to counsel issues raised in applications for post-conviction relief. However, I have never authored a ruling that has declared a statute or regulation to be unconstitutional, nor do I believe any of my rulings that addressed federal or state constitutional issues were “significant” beyond the significance to the involved parties.



**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.**

I have never failed to file a timely rule 22.10 report.

- 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.**

One, *Hansen v. Neill*, Story County case number SCSC056251. This matter was a small claims petition for a money judgment involving two former friends that I presided over as magistrate. By agreement of the plaintiff and the defendant, I agreed to hold the case open in order to afford the defendant to pay the amount owed to the plaintiff in installments. If the defendant were to default on the payments, I would enter judgment for the remainder owed. If the defendant paid the amount in full pursuant to the agreement, I would dismiss the case. Out of an abundance of caution, I included this matter on my Rule 22.10 reports, however, the delay in entering judgment was not caused by my inaction.

- 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.**

*White v. Lambert*, 370 F.3d 1002 (9th Cir. 2004).

This matter involved the appeal of the dismissal of a habeas corpus petition regarding the legality of my client, Joel White's, detention resulting from an administrative decision by state prison authorities in Washington. I represented Mr. White as sole counsel throughout the pendency of his appeal before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

This matter involved issues surrounding the utilization of private prison facilities by the state of Washington. This case was personally significant to me, and I will always remember this case for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that it was my first oral argument before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Although I did not prevail on the appeal, I received a letter commending my oral advocacy from M. Margaret McKeown, United States Circuit Judge. At this early stage in my legal career, I often would suffer from imposter syndrome, and Judge McKeown's letter gave me a much appreciated boost of confidence. I have never forgotten how much it meant to me as a young lawyer to receive such an accolade from a judge. Now that I am a judge myself, I make a point to reach out to new lawyers and provide positive feedback when I can.

Opposing counsel included Christine Gregoire and Paul Weisser of the Washington State Attorney General's Office. This matter was argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

*State v. Bassett*, Hamilton County case number FECR340855

In this case, the defendant, Zackery Bassett, was charged in November 2018 with the murder of his girlfriend. The case was specially assigned to another judge in our district, however, he reached the mandatory retirement age before the case could be tried. I inherited the special assignment in March of 2020 and ultimately conducted the trial in February of 2021, shortly after jury trials resumed after the Iowa Supreme Court's second suspension of jury trials due to Covid-19 had expired.

This case will always be significant to me as it was my first class A felony trial as a judge. The fact we were trying the case during a surge in Covid-19 cases coupled with the need to repeatedly address matters outside the jury's presence regarding admissibility of evidence also created logistical challenges. I am always grateful for the support that our judicial and clerk of court staff provide, however, they went above and beyond their normal job duties to make sure I was able provide a fair trial for all parties while at the same time protecting the health of everyone involved. The jury returned a verdict of

guilty to the charge of murder in the second degree. Mr. Bassett filed an appeal, the outcome of which is still pending.

The State of Iowa was represented by Assistant Attorneys General Keisha Cretsinger and Nicole Leonard. Mr. Bassett was represented by Paul Rounds and Michelle Wolf.

*State v. Jimenez*, Story County case number FECR058426

In this case, the defendant, Jacob Jimenez, pled guilty to first-degree robbery, first-degree burglary, and willful injury resulting in serious injury, following a home invasion, brutal assault, and robbery of an elderly woman. Mr. Jimenez and two other co-defendants were charged and all ultimately reached plea agreements with the State. At the time he committed the offenses, Mr. Jimenez was a seventeen-year-old juvenile.

In sentencing Mr. Jimenez, the State requested that I impose a combined sixty-year sentence, including the imposition of a seventeen-and-a-half-year mandatory minimum sentence. Mr. Jimenez's attorneys argued for a fifty-year sentence with a three-year minimum. I was required to conduct an individualized sentencing hearing that considered the factors enumerated in *State v. Miller*, *State v. Lyle*, and *State v. Roby*. The hearing took almost a full day, and I heard testimony from both the State's and Mr. Jimenez's experts in child developmental psychology, as well as Mr. Jimenez's adoptive mother, and the victim's impact statement.

This case was especially significant for me. Prior to taking the bench, I had conducted presentations and trainings related to the United States Supreme Court's and the Iowa Supreme Court's opinions on changes in juvenile sentencing as well as the science behind juvenile justice reform that focuses on brain development and the impact of early adverse childhood experiences. I was now in the position of applying this law to a specific person and a specific set of circumstances and imposing a lawful and appropriate sentence. In this case, there was no question that Mr. Jimenez had experienced profound childhood trauma and abuse from an early age. However, I ultimately determined that even when considering the specialized juvenile sentencing factors, a sentence of sixty years and a seventeen-and-a-half-year minimum was appropriate.

Mr. Jimenez appealed my application of the juvenile sentencing factors; my decision was affirmed by the Iowa Court of Appeals on September 22, 2021.

*State v. Jimenez*, No. 20-1086 (Iowa Ct. App. Sept. 22, 2021).

The State of Iowa was represented by Assistant Story County Attorneys Tyler Grimm and Tiffany Meredith. Mr. Jimenez was represented by Katherine Flickinger and Alessandra Marcucci.

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

In my service as a district court judge and as a judicial magistrate, I have found that my experience as a mediator has been exceedingly helpful. A mediator is required to afford all parties the opportunity to be heard and also requires that each party knows that they have been listened to and treated with respect. These skills are also required of any judge.

Throughout my career, I have also spent considerable time contributing towards legal education programs and volunteering my efforts towards improving judicial administration and access to justice. While with the Federal Defenders of Eastern Washington and Idaho, I conducted and assisted with both training and education for those practicing in the area of federal criminal defense, including drafting revisions and updates to *My Little Red Rules Book*. While in private practice, I conducted numerous trainings and presentations, many of which were focused on innovative approaches to legal disputes, including alternative dispute resolution and juvenile restorative justice. I also served as an adjunct instructor at Des Moines Area Community College, where I taught an introductory level three-hour business law course. I have continued to be involved in continuing education after being appointed as a district court judge by presenting on pertinent legal topics as well as serving on multiple judges' panels for bar association events.

I have also contributed my time and efforts towards improving judicial administration and our court system. As an attorney, I served on the Iowa Supreme Court's Family Case Processing Reform Task Force, and authored the Alternative Dispute Resolution Work Group's outline of proposed reforms. I also volunteered to help establish the first small claims mediation program in Story County. As a district court judge, when the Iowa Supreme Court ordered all judicial districts to implement mandatory mediation or judicial settlement conference procedures in family law cases, I quickly devised a program for the Second Judicial District, including policies, orders, and forms, at the request of the Chief Judge and District Court Administrator. Most recently, I have volunteered to serve on the Judicial Retirement Workgroup as the representative from the Second Judicial District.

I consider volunteering time to present continuing education and training programs and participation in efforts to improve judicial administration to be a duty we all share as members of the bench and bar. These experiences have also made me a better lawyer and judge and afforded me many opportunities to work with attorneys and judges across the state. If I were appointed as a judge on the Iowa Court of Appeals, I would continue to fulfill my obligation by continuing to volunteer in these capacities.

- 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.**

I served as a City Councilor for the City of University Heights, Iowa, from 2007 through 2011. I was elected to two terms and resigned prior to the completion of my second term due to our family's relocation to Ames.

- 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.**

I currently serve as a board member of the Iowa Judges Association. I began my service on the board in June of 2022. I also serve as a board member of Story Theater Company, a nonprofit organization. I began my service on the board in March of 2022.

- 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.**

Member, Iowa State Bar Association, 2002 – Present  
Mock Trial Volunteer Judge, 2012 — Present

Member, Story County Bar Association, 2012 – Present  
President, 2018 – 2019  
Vice President, 2017 – 2018  
Secretary, 2016—2017  
Member, Annual Bench-Bar Conference Planning Committee, 2016 – 2019

Member, Hamilton County Magistrate Appointing Commission, 2021 – Present

Member, Boone County Magistrate Appointing Commission, 2019 – 2021

Member, Iowa Judges Association, 2019 – Present  
Board Member, 2022 – Present  
Member, Judicial Retirement Workgroup, 2022 – Present

Member, Iowa Supreme Court's Family Law Case Processing Reform Task Force, 2015 – Present  
Member, Executive Steering Committee, 2015 – Present  
Recorder, Alternative Dispute Resolution Work Group, 2015 – 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.**

Member, Iowa Department on Aging, Iowa Aging Issues Mediation Project, 2015 – 2019

Member, Iowa Association of Mediators, 2014 – 2019

Treasurer, 2014 – 2016

Iowa State University Alumni Association, Member, 1999 – Present

Presidents Club, University of Iowa, 2007 – 2019

Cyclone Club, Iowa State University, Member, Directors Level, 2009 – 2019

Gilbert Community Schools, Volunteer, 2012 – Present

Gilbert Education Foundation, Volunteer and Member, 2012 – Present

Creighton Society, Creighton University, Member, 2016 – 2019

Reggie's Sleepout, Ames, Event Sponsor, 2017 – 2019

- 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.**

*Centurion Industries, Inc. d/b/a TFC Canopy v. State of Iowa*, Story County case number LACV051669

This ruling is representative of my approach to civil motions for summary judgment. This case also involved a claim of sovereign immunity by the State. As I typically spend five to six months per year assigned to Story County, I often handle cases involving claims of governmental immunity due to the number of actions brought in Story County involving Iowa State University and the Iowa Department of Transportation. I am always cognizant of the fact that an appellate court may be reviewing my decision. With that in mind, I will address all issues raised by the parties even in cases where I might find that the motion could be decided on one issue without the necessity of reaching all the issues. This not only allows a reviewing court multiple opportunities to potentially affirm my decision,

but I believe also helps parties to know that I considered all the issues raised in reaching my decision. My ruling was appealed and the appeal was voluntarily dismissed.

*In the Matter of the Paternity of Baby A*, Story County case number DRCV051869

This case exemplifies one tenant of the judicial philosophy I strive to follow every day as a district court judge: “you are defined by who you are when no one is looking.” There are many instances when serving as a judge when you could grant a party’s requested relief without the proper statutory or common law authority to do so and your decision would never be subject to appellate review. This unusual case involved such a situation. The parties, who included a gestational surrogate, her husband, and the genetic parent of the baby being carried by the surrogate, all sought a declaratory judgment prior to the baby’s birth naming the genetic parent as the parent of the baby on the baby’s birth certificate, further ordering that the unknown egg donor had no parental rights to the baby, and directing the hospital to release the baby to the genetic parent after his or her birth. As the parties were all in agreement, I could have easily entered an order granting the requested relief and no one would have sought further review of my decision. However, I ultimately determined that I did not have the legal authority to enter such an order based upon the current law. My decision was not appealed. The parties were able to reassert their request for relief after the birth of the child, which I then granted.

*Havlik v. Havlik*, Story County case number CDDM013191

This case illustrates my approach to dissolution of marriage cases involving issues of child custody, child support, spousal support, and property distribution. In this particular matter, the petitioner wife was self-represented and both parties had accused the other of abusive behavior towards their children and towards each other. I wanted to make sure I included detailed findings of fact and credibility determinations so that the parties would understand how I had reached my decision. I also attempted to provide as much detail as possible regarding the practicalities of my ruling. This decision was not appealed.

- 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.**

I currently hold judicial office.

#### **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.**

I am not related to any member of the State Judicial Nominating Commission.

- 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.**

No member of the State Judicial Nominating Commission is a current law partner or business partner.

- 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 have not written or edited any articles, blog posts, letters to the editor, editorial pieces, or other published material.

- 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.**

Public remarks at the judicial investiture of the Honorable Derek Johnson,  
Fort Dodge, Iowa, March 4, 2022

"Judges Panel: Technology Takeaways in Court from COVID-19 and Practice Pointers,"  
Iowa State Bar Association Annual Meeting via videoconference, June 11, 2021

"Judges Panel," Story County Bar Association Bench-Bar Seminar via videoconference,  
January 29, 2021

"Challenges to Jury Pools," co-presenter with the Honorable Jeffrey Neary,  
Iowa Judicial Branch Fall Judges Conference via videoconference, October 6, 2020

"Lunch and Learn," Story County Bar Association, Nevada, Iowa, November 12, 2019

Public remarks at my judicial investiture, Ames, Iowa, May 23, 2019

"Creating and Enforcing Attorney's Liens Ethically,"  
Iowa State Bar Association Annual Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa, June 20, 2018

"Recent Guardian Ad Litem Order: What You Need to Know,"  
Iowa Association for Justice's Criminal Defense and Family Law Trial Lawyers  
Conference, Coralville, Iowa, April 19, 2018

"The Basics of Commitments, Guardianships, and Conservatorships,"  
Iowa State Bar Association Annual Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa, June 21, 2017

"Access and Visitation: Successful Outcomes Through Mediation,"



Youth and Shelter Services, Ames, Iowa, February 10, 2017

Katherine Finn Milleman Memorial Scholarship presentations at various Story County Bench-Bar Seminars, Ames, Iowa, 2017 – Present

“Introduction to Mediation,” Communication Studies 218, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 2016 – 2019

“Elder and Probate Mediation Training,” Iowa State Bar Association, Des Moines, Iowa, March 1 – 2, 2016 and April 4 – 6, 2016

“Unbundling and Limited Scope Agreements: Practical and Ethical Considerations,” Story County Bar Association, Ames, Iowa, March 7, 2016

“Building Peacemakers: Peer Mediation and Youth Restorative Justice,” Variety AMP Camp, Des Moines, Iowa, July 24, 2015

“Rethinking Conflict: Mediation and Restorative Justice in Our Communities,” Thirtieth Annual Risky Business Conference, Ames, Iowa, April 28, 2015

“Juvenile Mediation and Restorative Justice,” Story County Bench-Bar Seminar, Ames, Iowa, January 23, 2015

“Access and Visitation: Successful Outcomes Through Mediation,” Youth and Shelter Services, Ames, Iowa, July 29, 2014

- 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.**

I have not used any social media applications in the past five years.

- 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.**

Dean’s Merit Full Tuition Scholarship, Creighton University School of Law

CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Creighton University School of Law

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Iowa State University

Golden Key National Honor Society, Iowa State University

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Iowa State University

Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Iowa State University

Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Iowa State University

- 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 Gina Badding  
(712) 792-9685

Judge Badding and I were appointed by Governor Kim Reynolds as district court judges in the Second Judicial District on the same day. She and I worked together as colleagues until her appointment to the Iowa Court of Appeals.

The Honorable James Drew  
(641) 456-5672

Chief Judge Drew currently serves as Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District and is, along with Assistant Chief Judge Adria Kester, my administrative judicial supervisor.

The Honorable Adria Kester  
(515) 386-2083

Judge Kester currently serves as Assistant Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District and is, along with Chief Judge James Drew, my administrative judicial supervisor. Judge Kester has also known me both personally and professionally for over twenty years.

The Honorable Jennifer Miller  
(641) 751-0259

Judge Miller serves with me as a district court judge in the Second Judicial District and is a colleague and friend.

The Honorable Dale Ruigh  
(515) 231-2735

Judge Ruigh is retired from his service as a district court judge in the Second Judicial District. I appeared in his court as an attorney and he has become an excellent resource and friend following my appointment as a district court judge.

Dr. Timothy Day  
(515) 294-7100

Dr. Day has known me and my family since we moved to Ames in 2012. He is a friend and fellow community volunteer.

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

I do not seek to become a judge on the Iowa Court of Appeals simply because I view it as “the next step” in an advancement of my judicial career. I seek this position because it involves the work that I wish to focus on and that I have most enjoyed over the course of my legal career – research and writing. I have always enjoyed the fast pace of trial practice as both an attorney and as a judge. However, in my work as a judge, I always relish the opportunity to deeply entrench myself in the details of a case, research the applicable law, and then write a clear and concise decision that will allow the parties and any reviewing court to understand how I reached my factual and legal conclusions.

While many applicants are certainly well-qualified to serve as an appellate court judge, not every applicant is necessarily a good fit for the job. Many trial attorneys and trial judges, who typically interact with a number of people on a day-to-day basis, would find the work of an appellate judge to be isolating. While I would miss trial work and busy court days as well, I know that my legal and non legal volunteer work and my life outside my career is more than enough to make up for the difference were I to be appointed as a judge on the Iowa Court of Appeals. For me, the opportunity to do the work I most enjoy on a full-time basis outweighs the potential loss of the ability to preside over hearings and trials.

It is an honor to serve as a district court judge and I still am humbled every day that I have been given the opportunity to serve. While I truly enjoy my current position, I now seek to serve as a judge on the Iowa Court of Appeals not only because I believe I could serve ably and enhance the Court through my service, but also because it involves the work I wish to do for the remainder of my legal career. In considering my experience, temperament, and personality, I believe that I am not only uniquely qualified but also well-suited to serve on the Iowa Court of Appeals.

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

Many current and former judges on the Iowa Court of Appeals have been extremely generous with their time and have spoken with me regarding their experiences on the Court as well as what attributes they believe are important to serving successfully on the Court. All have emphasized the importance of experience, work ethic, and a collegial demeanor. I have a broad base of trial and appellate experience, both as an attorney and as a judge, that has prepared me well to serve as an appellate judge that handles cases from a variety of areas of the law. I also have, for many years, managed both my busy career and home life with the support of my family, and those skills would enable me to handle a heavy appellate caseload. I also possess the organization and drive to successfully work independently.

I would also strive to maintain the collegiality the Court is known for, even when disagreements on the appropriate outcome of a case occur amongst the assigned judges. If those conflicts cannot be resolved, I have the confidence and independence to reach my own legal conclusions on the merits of an appeal and author a dissent if warranted. Ultimately, the work of a judge on the Iowa Court of Appeals requires the ability to reach the correct decision promptly, to clearly articulate the reasons for that decision, and to do so in a high number of cases, all while maintaining the professional respect of your fellow judges on the Court and the diligent staff. I know that I have the attributes necessary to do this work and to do it well.

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

I am a native of central Iowa and I am proud that my values and common sense, both of which strongly influence my personal and professional conduct, were honed in small-town Iowa. I am a proud Iowan and I am committed to enhancing the reputation of our community, both at the local and state level, in everything that I do. If I were to be appointed as a judge on the Iowa Court of Appeals, I would continue my work to enhance the reputation of our judiciary with those to which we are beholden – the citizens of Iowa.

I hereby certify all the information in this joint judicial application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: August 29, 2022

Printed name: Amy M. Moore