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In the Supreme Court of Iowa

**In the Matter of Appointments to
the Iowa Access to Justice
Commission**)
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Order

On June 27, 2016, the Iowa Supreme Court, upon recommendation of The Iowa State Bar Association (ISBA), established the Iowa Access to Justice Commission to find solutions that will best serve Iowans who may encounter barrier to or difficulties with full accessing the Iowa justice system. To accomplish this mission, the court directs the Commission to:

- Identify and assess the current and future needs of low-income Iowans for access to justice in civil matters by conducting a study of unmet legal needs. The study may include: (a) determining the manner in which unrepresented Iowans are attempting to meet their legal needs without attorneys, the extent to which those efforts are successful and the consequences of the lack of attorney representation, (b) identifying the efforts currently made by attorneys to represent low-income Iowans, (c) analyzing the need for additional funding and resources to meet the needs of unrepresented Iowans, (d) addressing other matters related to the delivery of equal access to justice in civil matters for all Iowans.
- Foster mutual collaboration among private lawyers, the legal services community, Iowa's law schools, not-for profit organizations and other community service providers.
- Explore initiatives designed to expand civil access to justice, such as increasing community education, enhancing

technology, and developing additional self-represented litigant assistance programs.

- Propose recommendations on innovative ways of promoting access to justice for individuals who cannot afford legal counsel or who choose to represent themselves in civil cases.
- Identify changes in court rules, procedures and policies that may reduce barriers to Iowa's justice system.
- Submit an annual report to the Supreme Court regarding the gaps in service for Iowans wishing to access the court system. The initial report is due July 1, 2017. The Commission will send a copy of its report to the Iowa State Bar Association, legal service providers, governor's office and the leadership of the General Assembly. The report will also be posted on the Judicial Branch website.

To organize and oversee this effort, the court appoints the following persons to serve on the Iowa Access to Justice Commission:

Honorable Brent Appel, Justice, Iowa Supreme Court, Ackworth, chair.

For the term October 1, 2016-September 30, 2019:

Anjie Shutts, Des Moines, vice chair
Diana Chavez-Diaz, Ainsworth
Marvin DeJear, Des Moines
Brian Farrell, Iowa City
Amy Kretkowski, Iowa City
Chris Luzzie, Iowa City
Honorable Kevin McKeever, Iowa City
Eldwin "Charlie" Nichols, Des Moines
Robert Oberbillig, Des Moines
Robert Perna, Cedar Rapids
Carol Phillips, Des Moines
Nicolle Schippers, Des Moines

For the term October 1, 2016-September 30, 2018:

Anthony Allen, Dubuque
Steven Bradford, Muscatine
Robert Denson, Ankeny
Philip Garland, Garner
Joel Greer, Marshalltown
Medha Johnson, Des Moines
Glennay Jundt, Council Bluffs
Leesa McNeill, Sioux City
Ann Naffier, Des Moines
Gerard Neugent, West Des Moines
Honorable Artis Reis, Des Moines
Elisabeth Reynoldson, Osceola
Bruce Walker, Iowa City

For the term October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017

Steve Eckley, Des Moines

Molly Kottmeyer, Counsel to the Chief Justice, will serve as Secretary to the Commission. The Iowa State Bar Association Public Service Project, in accordance with its 2016-2017 Interest on Lawyer Trust Account (IOLTA) grant, will provide administrative support to the Commission through June 30, 2017.

Commission members are limited to two consecutive terms. The Commission shall meet quarterly and its meetings shall be open to the public. Members of the Commission may be reimbursed for travel and other expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to Iowa Court Rules 22.16 through 22.21.

Dated this 22nd day of September, 2016.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

By Mark S. Cady
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice