

Counties: Boone, Bremer, Butler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Humboldt, Marshall, Mitchell, Pocahontas, Sac, Story, Webster, Winnebago, Worth, Wright

Chief Judge, Michael S. Walsh: District 3

Chief Judge Walsh, Sioux City, was appointed to the bench in 1982. He was born in Sioux City, Iowa, and served in the Air National Guard from 1962 to 1968. Judge Walsh earned his undergraduate degree from the University of South Dakota in 1965 and his law degree from the same institution in 1968. He went into private practice and served as the city attorney for Sioux City. He is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, the Iowa Judges Association, and the Woodbury County Bar Association. He is married and has three children.

Counties: Buena Vista, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Dickinson, Emmet, Ida, Kossuth, Lyon, Monona, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Sioux and Woodbury

Chief Judge, Charles L. Smith, III: District 4

Chief Judge Smith, Council Bluffs, was appointed to the bench in 1990. Born in Omaha, Nebraska, he went on to earn his law degree from Creighton University in 1970. He then spent 19 years in private practice. Chief Judge Smith served as Harrison County attorney from 1972 to 1973. He is a member of the Iowa Judicial Council and the Iowa Court Technology Committee. He is married and has three children.

Counties: Audubon, Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie and Shelby

Chief Judge, Arthur E. Gamble: District 5

Chief Judge Gamble, Clive, was appointed to the bench in 1983. Born in Des Moines, Iowa, he attended the University of Iowa where he earned his bachelor's and law degree. He graduated with distinction in 1978 and worked in private practice until his appointment. Chief Judge Gamble is a member of the Polk County, Iowa State, and American Bar Associations. He is also past president of the Iowa Judges Association and of the C. Edwin Moore American Inn of Court. He is married with four children.

Counties: Adair, Adams, Clarke, Dallas, Decatur, Guthrie, Jasper, Lucas, Madison, Marion, Polk, Ringgold, Taylor, Union, Warren and Wayne

Chief Judge, David Remley: District 6

Judge Remley, Anamosa, was appointed to the bench in 1993. Born in Anamosa, Iowa, he received his bachelor's degree from Lawrence University in 1966. In 1969 he graduated from law school at the University of Iowa. In addition to private practice, Judge Remley has served as assistant Jones County attorney and Jones County attorney.

He is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association and Dean Mason Ladd Chapter of American Inn of Court, Master of the Bench. He served on the Grievance Commission of the Iowa Supreme Court and the Continuing Education Committee.

Counties: Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn and Tama

Chief Judge, Bobbi M. Alpers: District 7

Judge Alpers, Davenport, was appointed to the bench in 1992 and named as chief judge in 2006. Born in Vinton, Iowa, she received her bachelor's degree at the University of Dubuque in 1973. She earned her masters in 1975 and her law degree in 1983 from the University of Iowa. After graduation, she clerked for the Seventh Judicial District, served as assistant Scott County attorney, and practiced law as a sole practitioner. From 1987 to 1992 she served as a Scott County magistrate. Judge Alpers is a member of the Scott County and the Iowa State Bar Associations, the Iowa Judges Association, National Association for Women Judges, the American Judicature Society, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Counties: Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Muscatine, Scott

Chief Judge, James Q. Blomgren: District 8

Chief Judge Blomgren, was appointed to the district court bench in 1998 and named as chief judge in 2001. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, and attended the University of Iowa where he received his bachelor's degree in 1969. Judge Blomgren earned his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1972. After graduation, he was an attorney for the United States Department of Agriculture for two years and then in private practice from 1973 until 1998. Judge Blomgren served on the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Civil Procedure, and is a member of the Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers, the American Board of Trial Advocates, and the Iowa Defense Council Association.

Counties: Appanoose, Davis, Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lee, Louisa, Mahaska, Monroe, Poweshiek, Van Buren, Wapello, and Washington