

**Cases Eligible to be Heard in the
Iowa Business Specialty Court Pilot Project**

Only cases in which compensatory damages totaling \$200,000 or more are alleged, or claims seeking primarily injunctive or declaratory relief, will be eligible for assignment to the business court docket.

In addition, to be eligible a case must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- a. Arise from technology licensing agreements, including software and biotechnology licensing agreements, or any agreement involving the licensing of any intellectual property right, including patent rights.
- b. Relate to the internal affairs of businesses (i.e., corporations, limited liability companies, general partnerships, limited liability partnerships, sole proprietorships, professional associations, real estate investment trusts, and joint ventures), including the rights or obligations between or among business participants, or the liability or indemnity of business participants, officers, directors, managers, trustees, or partners, among themselves or to the business.
- c. Involve claims of breach of contract, fraud, misrepresentation, or statutory violations between businesses arising out of business transactions or relationships.
- d. Be a shareholder derivative or commercial class action.
- e. Arise from commercial bank transactions.
- f. Relate to trade secrets, non-compete, non-solicitation, or confidentiality agreements.
- g. Involve commercial real property disputes other than residential landlord-tenant disputes and foreclosures.
- h. Be a trade secrets, antitrust, or securities-related action.
- i. Involve business tort claims between or among two or more business entities or individuals as to their business or investment activities relating to contracts, transactions, or relationships between or among them.