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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**

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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