

In the Iowa Supreme Court

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**In the Matter of the Establishment)
of the Supreme Court Advisory)
Committee on Jury Selection and)
Appointment of Members to the)
Committee)**

Order

CLERK SUPREME COURT

The Iowa Supreme Court deems it necessary to appoint a committee to review the process on how we select jury pools and jurors in Iowa. The process of selecting jury pools and jurors has not changed significantly in over thirty years. The purpose of the committee is to make sure the makeup of jury pools and jurors represent a fair cross-section of the community. As we have noted in a recent decision,

A jury that represents a fair cross-section of the community enables “the commonsense judgment of the community [to serve] as a hedge against the overzealous or mistaken prosecutor and in preference to the professional or perhaps overconditioned or biased response of a judge.” It also helps legitimize the legal system and is “critical to public confidence in the fairness of the criminal justice system.” Finally, it encourages civic participation through the shared administration of justice.

State v. Plain, 898 N.W.2d 801, 821 (Iowa 2017).

To accomplish this mission, the court directs the committee to

- Review the statutes and rules of Iowa concerning the selection of jury pools and jurors.
- Review the procedures and policies used in the various counties of the state in selecting jury pools and jurors.
- Review how our use of technology has affected the selection of jury pools and jurors in Iowa.
- Identify changes in statutes, court rules, procedures, and policies used in Iowa to select jury pools and jurors.

- Propose recommendations that will insure the makeup of jury pools and jurors represent a fair cross section of the community.
- Submit a report to the Iowa Supreme Court by January 19, 2018.

The supreme court appoints the following persons to serve on the Committee on Jury Selection:

The Honorable David S. Wiggins, Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court, West Des Moines, chair

The Honorable Marlita Greve, Davenport

The Honorable Dan Dawson, State Senator, Council Bluffs

The Honorable Janet Petersen, State Senator, Des Moines

The Honorable Ashley Hinson, State Representative, Marion

The Honorable Helen Miller, State Representative, Fort Dodge

Dedric Doolin, Cedar Rapids

Russ Lovell, Des Moines

Brian Williams, Waterloo

Kent Simmons, Davenport

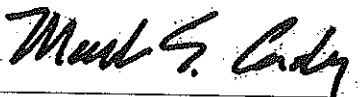
Todd Nuccio, State Court Administrator, Des Moines

Billie Treloar, Cedar Falls

This order takes effect immediately.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2017

The Iowa Supreme Court

By 
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice

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- ✓ Chief Judges of the Judicial Districts
- ✓ State Court Administrator
- ✓ Committee Members
- ✓ District Court Administrators
- ✓ Legal Counsel, State Court Administration
- ✓ Director of Finance and Personnel, State Court Administration
- ✓ Deputy State Court Administrator