

In the Iowa Supreme Court

**In the Matter of a Remote
Proceedings Task Force**

March 10, 2023 Order

The Iowa Supreme Court is establishing a Remote Proceedings Task Force. The task force is charged to recommend court rules or policies for standard use of remote proceedings in criminal, civil, family law, and juvenile cases. The task force recommendations must allow equal access, due process, transparency, fairness, and safety for all court users. The task force will be divided into four work groups: criminal, civil, family law, and juvenile.

The court appoints the following persons to serve on the task force:

Christensen, Honorable Susan Larson, Chief Justice; Chair of Task Force

Criminal work group

Gogerty, Honorable Celene, District Judge, Des Moines, work group chair

Sarcone, Nicholas, Attorney, Des Moines, work group co-chair

Williams, Brian, County Attorney, Waterloo, work group co-chair

Alioth, Dennis, Woodbury County Jail, Sioux City

Brandt, Meenakshi, Attorney, Davenport

Burns, Honorable Jason, District Associate Judge, Iowa City

Currie, Honorable Bethany, District Judge, Nevada

Daniels, Jennifer, Judicial Specialist, Waterloo

Denison, David, Attorney, Des Moines

Dixon, Delaney, Domestic Violence Intervention Program, Iowa City

Evans, Randy, Iowa Freedom of Information Council, Des Moines

Gangestad, Grant, Attorney, Des Moines

Gish, John, Attorney General's Office, Des Moines

Gordan, Richard, Statewide Treatment Court Coordinator, Des Moines

Hamm, Liz, Judicial Specialist, Charles City

Heit, Lena, District Court Administrator, Waterloo

Hyatt, Sarah, Court Reporter, Cedar Rapids

Jackson, Hannah, Judicial Specialist, Centerville
Johnson, Peter, Fremont County Attorney, Sidney
Kuehl, Michele, Clerk of Court Office, Waterloo
Latham, Honorable Henry, District Judge, Davenport
Martin-Alioth, Judy, Judicial Specialist, Sioux City
McDonough, Heidi, Clerk of Court Office, Muscatine
McFall, Laura, Court Reporter, Albia
Meals, Timothy, Story County Attorney, Nevada
O'Mara, Nellie, Attorney, Mason City
Reynoldson, Honorable Elisabeth, District Judge, Osceola
Rolands, Diana, Attorney, Osceola
Scheinost, Patricia, Attorney, Council Bluffs
White, Oubonh Phomvisay, Johnson County Attorney's Office, Iowa City
Whitesell, Sharese, Plymouth County Attorney's Office, Sioux City
Wise, Alison, Court Reporter, Council Bluffs
Wright, Jeff, State Public Defender, Des Moines

Civil work group

Moore, Honorable Amy, District Judge, Ames, work group chair
Lederer, Greg, Attorney, Cedar Rapids, work group co-chair
Ruba-Dunning, Jessica, Attorney, Robins, work group co-chair
Butler, Anna, Clerk of Court Office, Adel
Carter, Shireen, Magistrate, Osceola
Chappell, Honorable Andrew, District Judge, Cedar Rapids
Corbin, Honorable Meghan, District Judge, Davenport
Culver, McKenzie, Judicial Specialist, Sioux City
Doig, Crystal, Aging Resources of Central Iowa, Des Moines
Eckley, Timothy, Attorney, Des Moines
Gregory, Teresa, Clerk of Court Office, Spirit Lake
Henderson, Lyssa, Attorney, Ankeny
Hess, Susan, Attorney, Dubuque

Holland, Kara, Court Reporter, Souix City
Janssen, Laurie, Court Administration, Spencer
Kinnamon, Becky, Director of Special Crimes Against Persons Program, Des Moines
Kyndesen, Laura, District Court Administrator, Council Bluffs
Laird, Rox, Media, Des Moines
Moon, Julie, Court Reporter, Des Moines
Nelmark, Honorable David, District Judge, Des Moines
Opperman, Joshua, Attorney, Ames
O'Rourke, Jason, Attorney, Davenport
Patton, Leah, Magistrate, Des Moines
Petersen, Ericka, Attorney, Iowa City
Roberts, Cara, Attorney, Cedar Rapids
Showers, Honorable Shawn, District Judge, Washington
Thomas-Dusing, Courtney, Attorney, Iowa City
Watson, Bill, Court Administration, Fort Dodge
Wells, Doug, Magistrate, Davenport
Wiese, Jennifer, Judicial Specialist, Davenport

Family law work group

Kepros, Honorable Chad, District Judge, North Liberty, work group chair
Ellingson, Danielle, Attorney, Charles City, work group co-chair
Warren, Stacey, Attorney, Des Moines, work group co-chair
Bahr, Honorable Jennifer, District Judge, Council Bluffs
Baldus, Janet, Clerk of Court Office, Ames
Banta, David, Attorney, Des Moines
Benzschawel, Sandra, Attorney, Decorah
Dickel, Haley, Judicial Specialist, Des Moines
Gardner, Amy, Judicial Specialist, Ottumwa
Kornya, Alex, Attorney, Des Moines
Maxfield, Staci, Judicial Specialist, Sioux City
McCollum, Lora, Attorney, West Des Moines

Mertz, Julie, Court Reporter, West Des Moines

Miller, Donna, Attorney, Des Moines

Motto, Honorable Michael, District Associate Judge, Davenport

Murphy, Honorable Tom, District Judge, West Des Moines

Noel, Victoria, Attorney, Clinton

Shutts, Anjie, Attorney, Des Moines

Sturgeon, Mark, Court Reporter, LeMars

Webster, Jennifer, Court Administration, Des Moines

Yotter, Kristal, Domestic Violence Intervention Program, Columbus Junction

Juvenile work group

Nicol, Honorable Linnea, District Associate Judge, West Union, work group chair

Grothe, Emily, Pottawattamie County Attorney's Office, Council Bluffs, work group co-chair

Mahaffey, Richelle, Des Moines Juvenile Public Defender's Office, Des Moines, work group co-chair

Bryner, Honorable Carrie, District Associate Judge, Cedar Rapids

Buchanan, Whitney, Juvenile Court Services, Des Moines

Bull, Ed, Attorney General's Office, Des Moines

DiMaria, Kaitlyn, Attorney, Grimes

Elcock, Marc, Attorney, Osceola

Hagemeier, Jami, Attorney, Des Moines

Herrig, Ashley, Buena Vista County Attorney's Office, Storm Lake

Howe, Honorable Erik, District Associate Judge, Des Moines

Kremer, Steve, Juvenile Court Services, Cherokee

Lerner, Jennifer, Washington County Attorney's Office, Washington

McCullough, Kiley, Court Reporter, Davenport

Megel, Roberta, State Public Defender's Office, Council Bluffs

Miller, Cindy, Judicial Specialist, Ottumwa

Miller, Ivan, Attorney, Clarinda

Miller, Nickole, Attorney, Des Moines


Powell, Kayla, Department of Human Rights, Des Moines
Schneider, Jennifer, Juvenile Court Services, Mason City
Sedgwick, Brian, Juvenile Court Services, Waterloo
Shepherd, Honorable Kimberly, District Associate Judge, Clinton
Stensvaag, Honorable Jonathan, District Associate Judge, Keokuk
Strait, Honorable Scott, District Associate Judge, Council Bluffs
Welcher, Carrie, Clerk of Court Office, Burlington
Zinkula, Mathew, Attorney, Waukeez

Task force recommendations are tentatively scheduled to be publicly released in July 2023.

Task force members may be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable travel expenses according to Iowa Court Rules 22.16 through 22.21.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2023.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By: 

Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice

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