

Iowa Business Specialty Court Report

Calendar Years 2022-2023

Background

In March 2012, the Iowa Civil Justice Reform Task Force released its final report proposing reforms to Iowa's civil justice system. One of the key reforms the task force recommended was implementation of a business specialty court as a pilot program. In response, the supreme court initiated a three-year pilot program for a business specialty court in Iowa, which began accepting cases in May 2013. In addition to establishing the business specialty court pilot, the supreme court also directed state court administration staff to provide an annual evaluation report to monitor the progress and assess the effectiveness of this pilot program. Based on a positive evaluation at the end of the second year of the pilot program, the supreme court issued a supervisory order in February 2016 declaring its intention to continue the Iowa business court as an ongoing component of the Iowa court system.

To ensure that the business specialty court continues to achieve its purpose and meet its goals, in January 2022 the Iowa Supreme Court directed the state court administrator to conduct a biannual review beginning January 1, 2023. This report includes survey data for cases resolved in calendar year 2022 and 2023 (and data collected during last half of calendar year 2021). Case data since the business specialty court's inception in 2013 is included in this report as well.

Purpose

The primary aim of the Iowa Business Specialty Court is to move business and complex commercial litigation cases through the court system more expeditiously, lowering costs for litigants and the court system. Businesses and attorneys benefit from having judges assigned to their cases who have expertise in business litigation and managing complex cases, resulting in enhanced consistency, predictability, and accuracy of decisions with respect to complex business cases. Judges benefit from the development of specialized judicial expertise to be shared with their judicial colleagues. Nonbusiness case dockets benefit from the removal of time consuming, complex business cases from the general docket. The court system as a whole benefits from the business court's role as an incubator of innovative court practices that may be applied generally across the justice system.

Eligibility

Only cases where compensatory damages totaling \$200,000 or more are alleged or claims seeking primarily injunctive or declaratory relief are eligible for assignment to the business court docket. Additionally, a case must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Involve claims of breach of contract, fraud, misrepresentation, or statutory violations between businesses arising out of business transactions or relationships.
4. Be a shareholder derivative action or commercial class action.
5. Arise from commercial bank transactions.

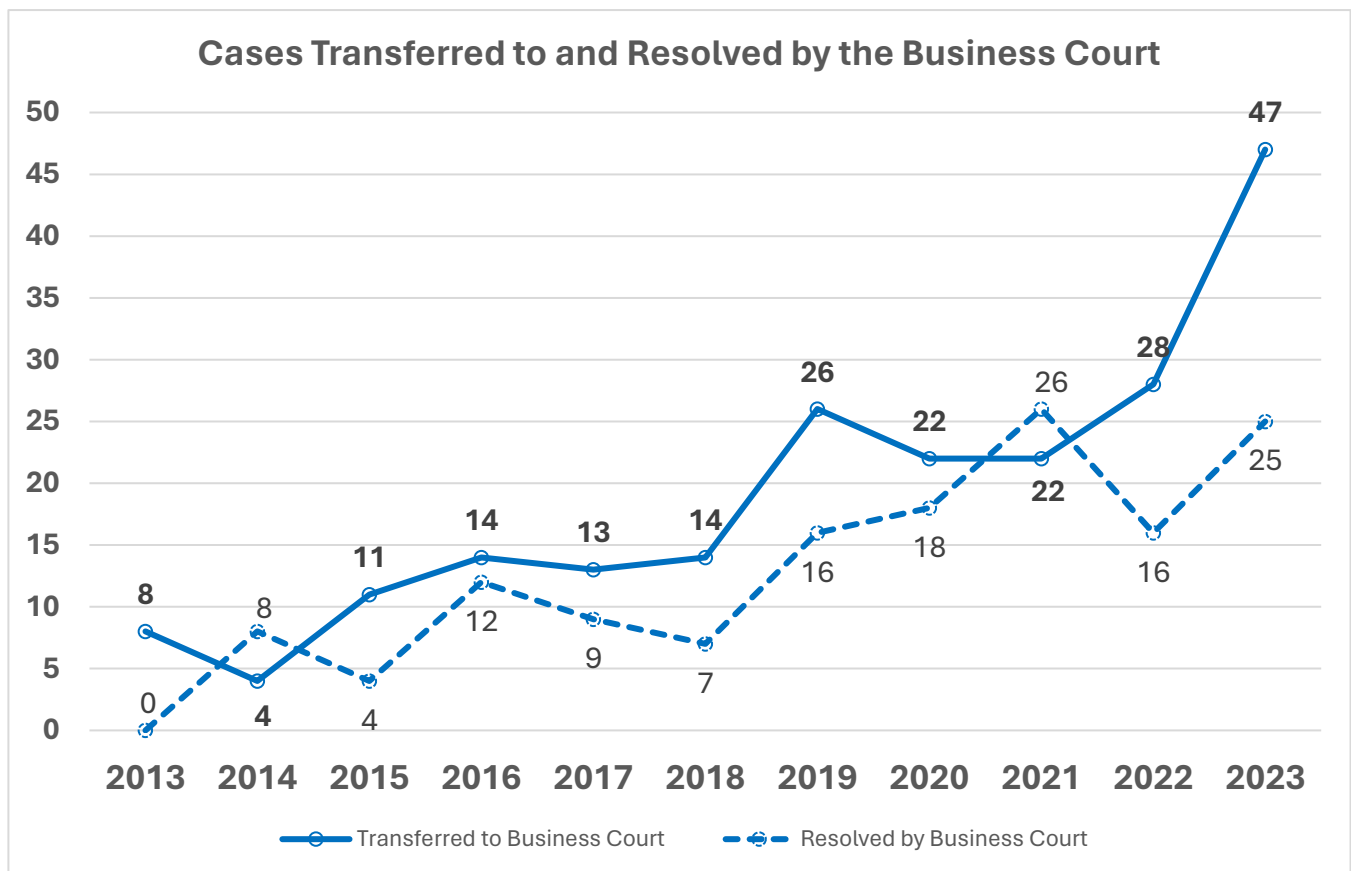
6. Relate to trade secrets, noncompete, nonsolicitation, or confidentiality agreements.
7. Involve commercial real property disputes other than residential landlord-tenant disputes and foreclosures.
8. Be a trade secrets, antitrust, or securities-related action.
9. Involve business tort claims between 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.

Procedure for Transfer of Case

A case may be transferred to the Iowa Business Specialty Court if all parties consent to the transfer and subject to the approval of the State Court Administrator. Alternatively, any party may file a motion to transfer the case to the business court in the judicial district where the case is filed for determination by the chief judge of the judicial district. Of 75 cases transferred to the business specialty court in calendar years 2022 and 2023, 48 were transferred by joint consent and 27 were transferred by motion.

Status

After the transition from the initial pilot phase to the establishment of the business specialty court as an ongoing component of the of the Iowa court system, the business specialty court has experienced steady and substantial growth in case volume. After receiving a total of 12 case transfers in the first two calendar years of operation, case volume grew to a record high of 28 new cases in calendar year 2022 and another record high of 47 new case transfers in calendar year 2023.



Business Court Judges

Due to the continued growth in business specialty court case volume, on November 13, 2023, the Iowa Supreme Court announced the addition of three new district judges to serve on the business specialty court. District Judge Rustin Davenport, District Judge David Odekirk, Senior Judge Michael Schilling joined District Judge Jeffrey Bert, District Judge Sarah Crane, District Judge Lawrence McLellan, District Judge David Nelmark, and District Judge John Telleen as Iowa business specialty court judges. District judges serving on the business specialty court are assigned to the role of primary judge or settlement conference judge for cases transferred to the business specialty court in addition to retaining the broad array of district court case assignments.

Current Business Court Judges

Judge	District	Year of Appointment to Business Court
District Judge John Telleen	7	2013
District Judge Lawrence McLellan	5	2017
District Judge Sarah Crane	5	2019
District Judge Jeffrey Bert	7	2021
District Judge David Nelmark	5	2021
District Judge Rustin Davenport	2	2023
District Judge David Odekirk	1	2023
Senior Judge Michael Schilling	8	2023

Evaluation

During the initial pilot phase of the business specialty court, a variety of evaluation strategies were used to assess the performance of and user satisfaction with the court, including a survey of attorneys who have litigated business court cases. After the business specialty court transitioned from its pilot phase to become an ongoing component of the court, the survey process was suspended. To ensure that the business specialty court continues to achieve its goals and provide exemplary service when complex civil disputes arise, in mid-2021, judicial branch staff resumed administering an anonymous survey to attorneys after resolution of business court cases. On a quarterly basis, judicial branch personnel invite attorneys involved in business court cases that were resolved in the preceding calendar quarter to answer questions about the business court and judges serving in the roles of primary judge and settlement conference judge.

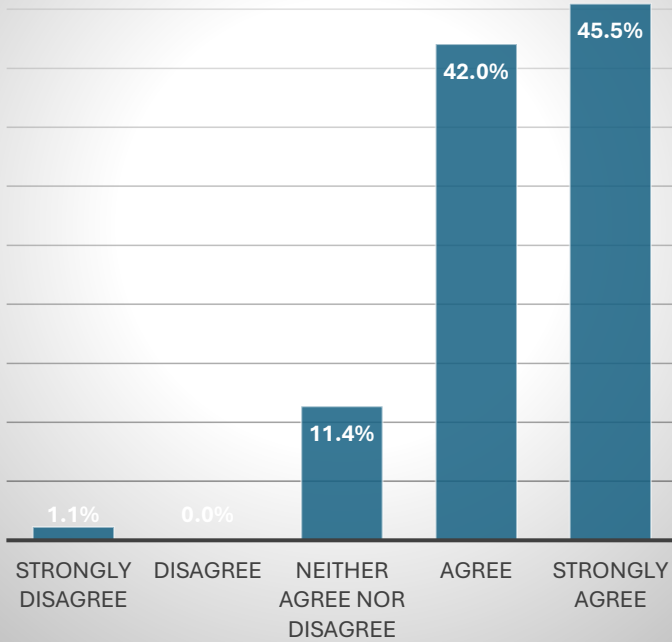
In eight general survey questions about the business court, seven questions pertaining to the primary judge who handled the respondent’s case, and three questions relating to the settlement conference judge, survey responses were overwhelmingly positive. Responses for specific questions are presented in graphs on the following pages.

Cases

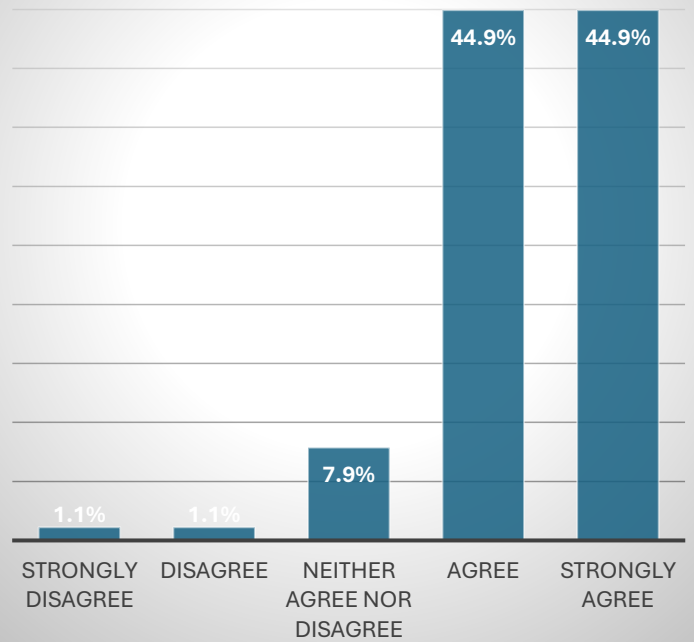
Provided in Appendix A is a list of cases pending in the business court at the conclusion of calendar year 2023. Provided in Appendix B is a list of business court cases resolved since inception of the court.

Survey Results Regarding Business Specialty Court Generally

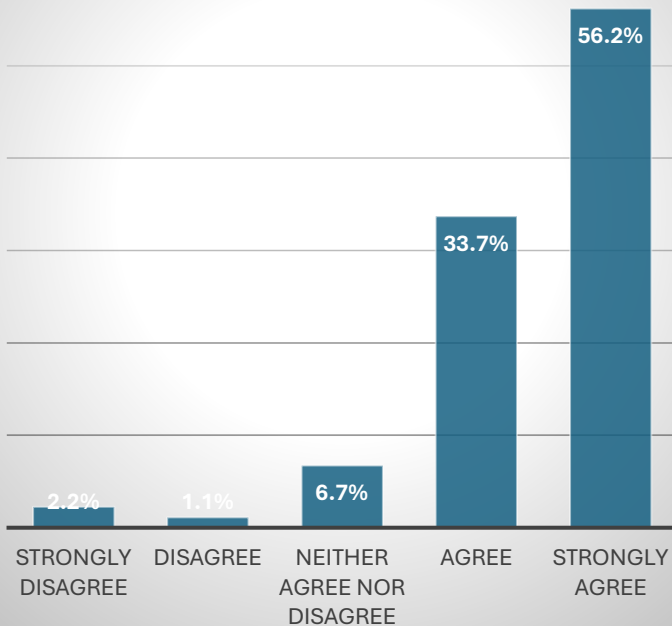
Overall, the business court is improving the quality of business litigation in Iowa



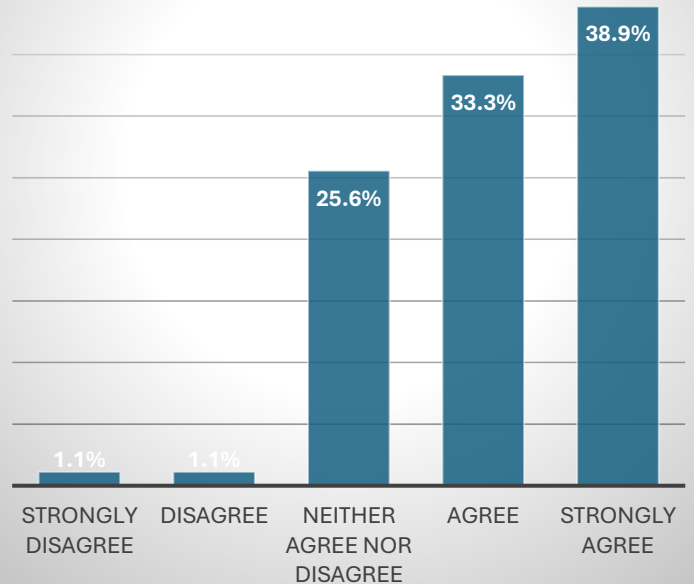
Overall, the business court is improving the Iowa court system as a whole



I will seek assignment of qualifying cases to the Iowa business court in the future

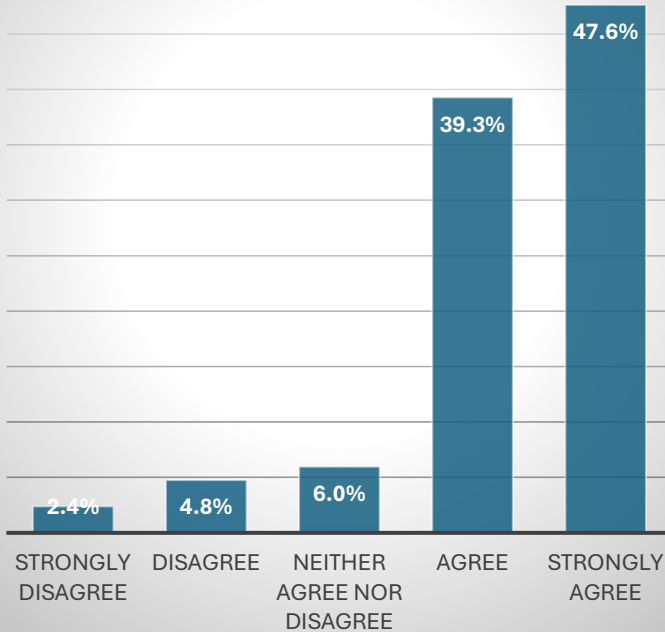


The growing body of Iowa business court case law will increase predictability in business litigation

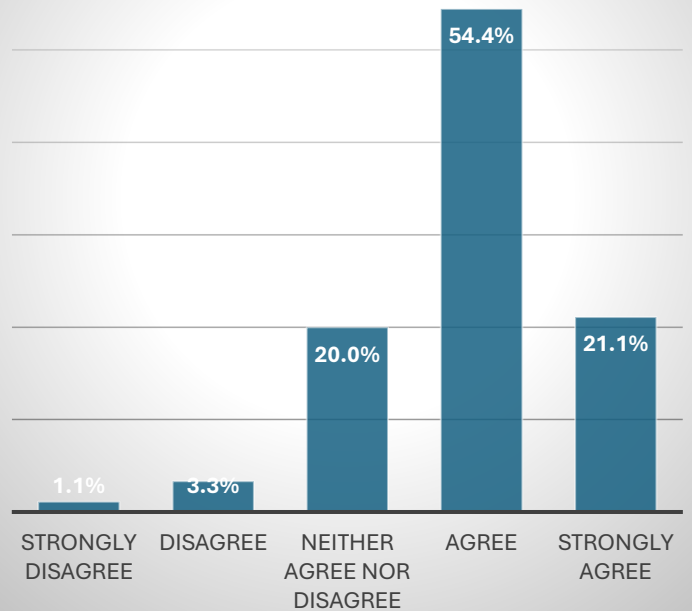


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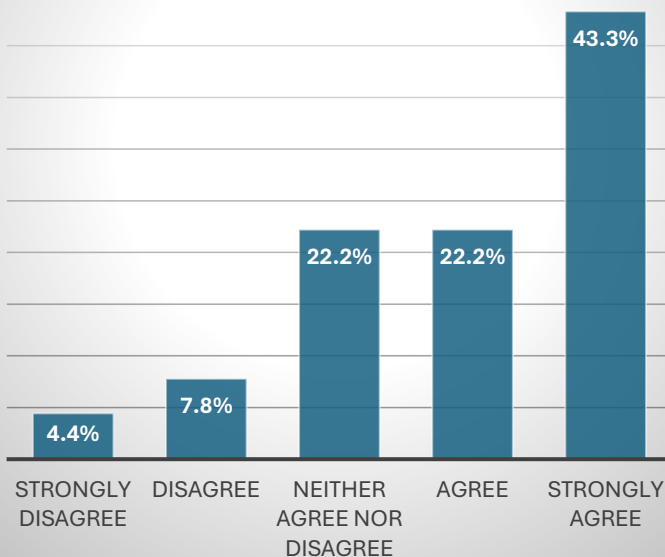
The "motion to transfer a case to business court" process (so all parties do not have to agree to the transfer) is useful



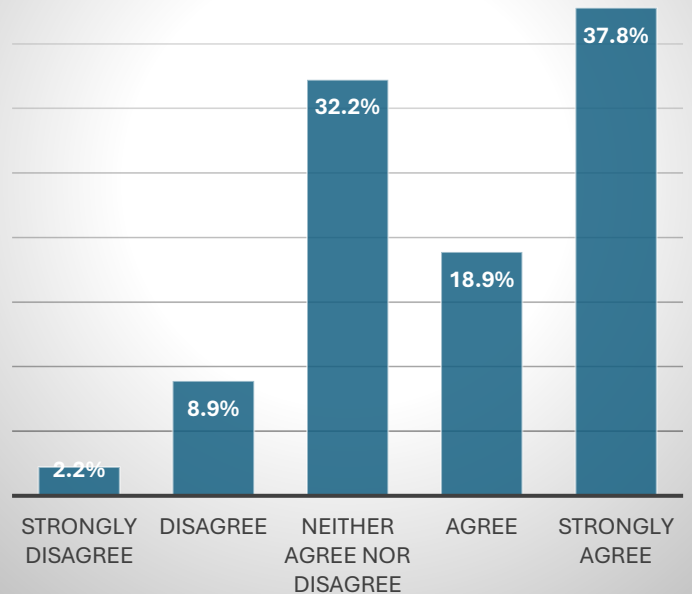
Having the chief judge of the district where the case is filed rule on the motion to transfer a case to the business court is a fair procedure



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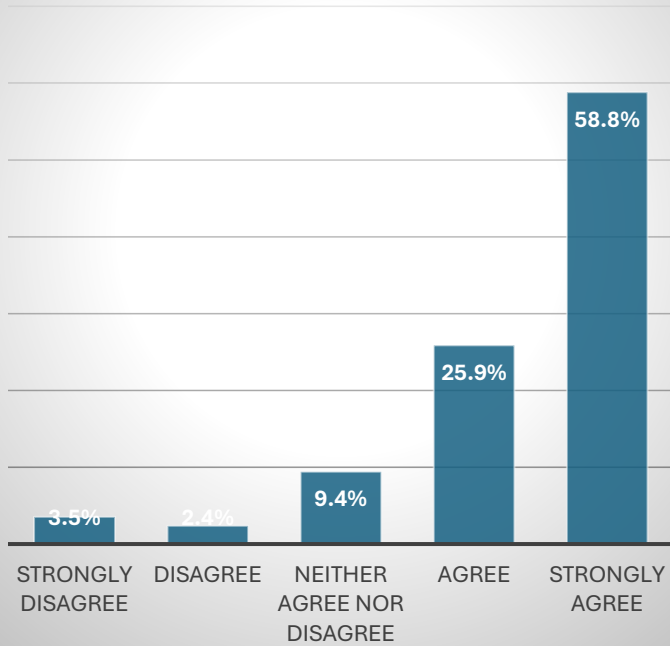


The business court brought my most recent case to a conclusion at a lower overall cost (work time and expenses) than it probably would have cost through the regular district court process

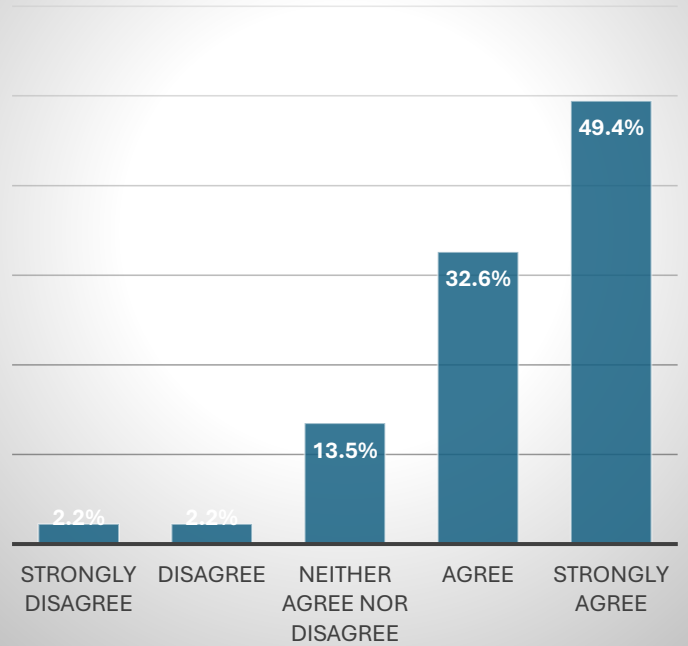


Survey Results Regarding Primary Judge Role

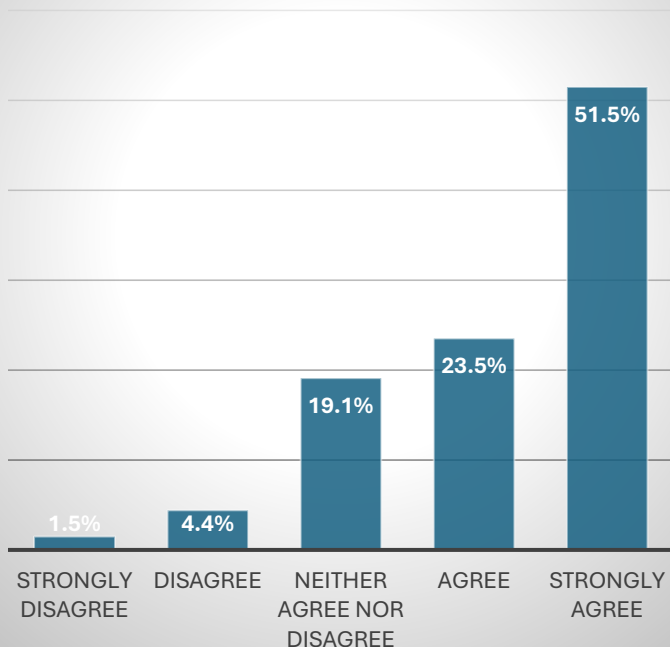
The primary judge in my most recent business court case exhibited experience in managing complex cases



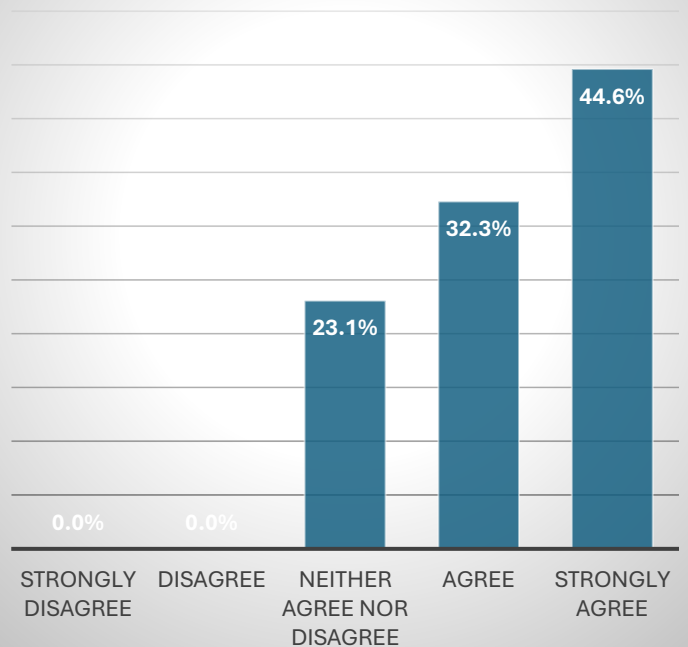
The primary judge in my most recent business court case exhibited expertise in business law



The primary judge in my most recent business court case effectively managed discovery issues

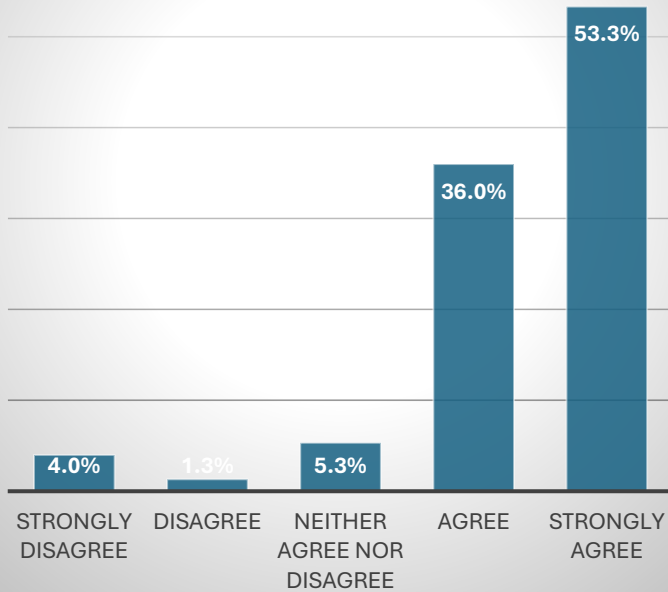


The primary judge in my most recent business court case effectively limited continuances

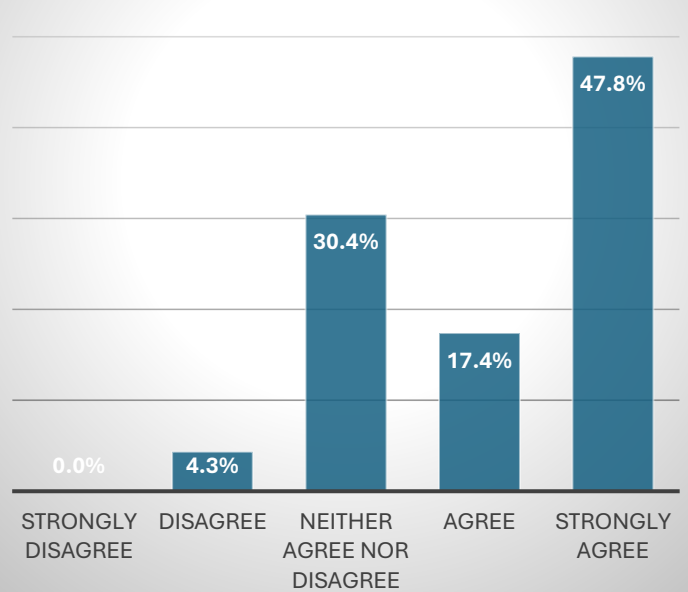


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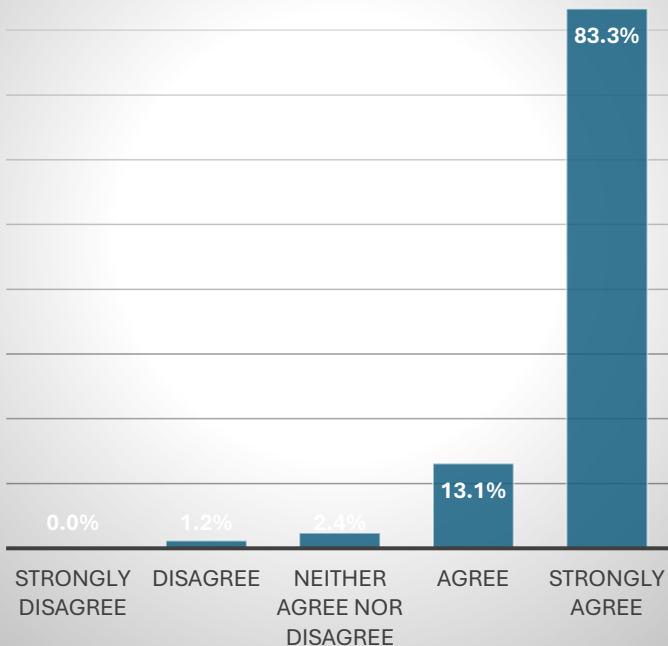
The primary judge in my most recent business court case issued written rulings in a reasonably timely manner



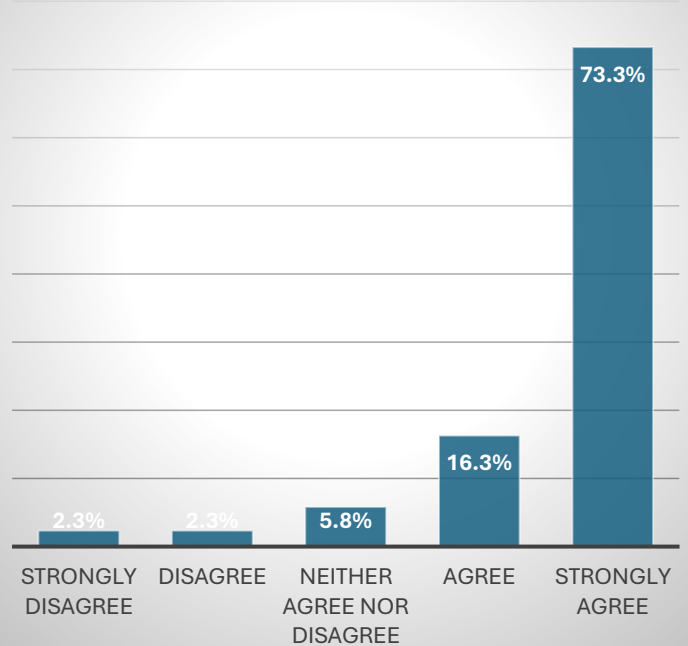
The primary judge in my most recent business court case effectively managed the trial



The primary judge in my most recent business court case displayed civility toward all parties

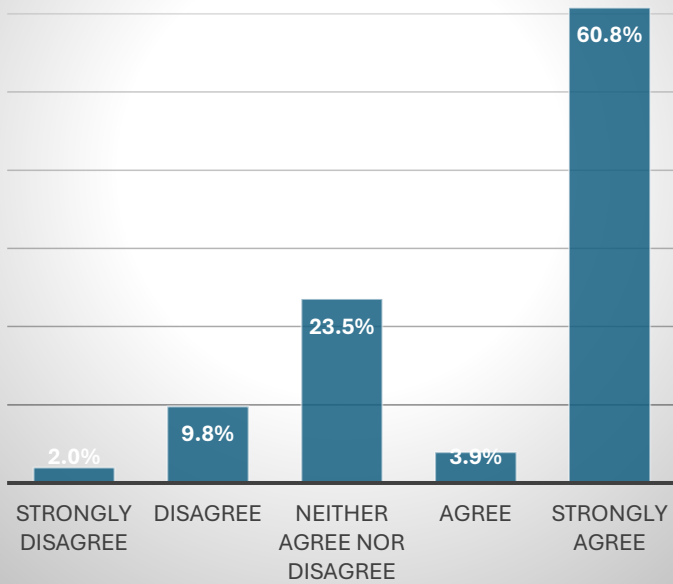


The primary judge in my most recent business court case fairly treated all parties fairly

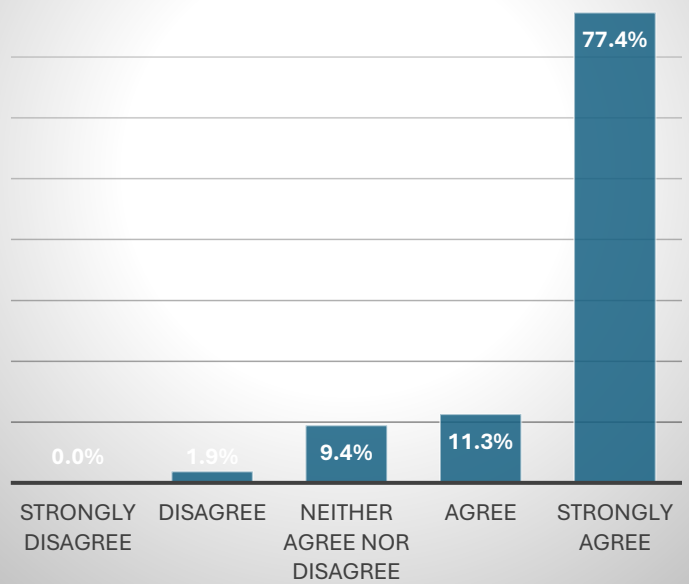


Survey Results Regarding Settlement Judge Role

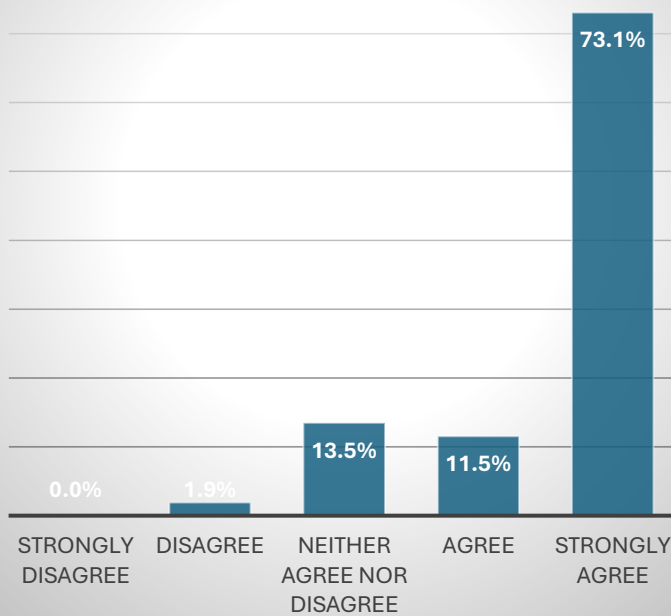
The settlement judge in my most recent business court case employed an effective strategy for settling the case



The settlement judge in my most recent business court case displayed civility toward all parties



The settlement judge in my most recent business court case treated all parties fairly



APPENDIX A

Pending Cases at 2023 Year-End

Case title / District Court Case #	Dist	Date filed in Dist Ct	Date assigned to Biz Ct	Method of Transfer	Consol. With Other Case
Dan Goebel v John Goebel et al (Delaware County CVCV008656)	D1	11/20/2019	1/28/2020	Consent	No
Luana Savings Bank v Fed Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (Polk County EQCE085919)	D5	5/20/2019	6/22/2020	Motion	No
Walz Energy & Supreme Beef v Ten Corp et al (Clayton County LACV010783)	D1	5/20/2019	6/22/2020	Motion	No
Bankers Trust Co v 5th and Walnut Parking, LLC; et al (Polk County EQCE086198)	D5	9/14/2020	10/19/2020	Consent	No
Fox Prairie, LLC, et al v Walters Companies, Inc. (Polk County LACL149071)	D5	11/3/2020	2/15/2021	Motion	No
Delaney Construction v City of Marion (Linn County LACV096334)	D6	10/14/2020	3/4/2021	Motion	No
Robinson v DM Public Schools (Polk County LACL136651)	D5	12/16/2016	3/25/2021	Consent	No
Waterloo Comm Schools v Employers Mutual Casualty Co (Polk County LACL149796)	D5	2/2/2021	5/4/2021	Consent	No
Vagts, et al., v Northern Natural Gas Co, et al (Fayette County LACV055970)	D1	3/12/2021	7/19/2021	Consent	No
Bradley Chicoine, et al v Wellmark, Inc., et al (Polk County CVCV050638)	D5	10/5/2015	10/25/2021	Consent	No
Baxter; Campus Town; Campus View v Houser; Upward Bound (Johnson County LACV082894)	D6	10/4/2021	12/22/2021	Consent	No
RSS COMM2015-CCRE27-DE WMC LLC v WC MRP Des Moines LLC (Polk County EQCE087096)	D5	10/26/2021	2/1/2022	Consent	No
CONSOLIDATED CASES: Gwen Page v Half Court Press, Inc., et al (Biz Ct # 2022-12) (Polk County EQCE087208) Gwen Page v And One, Inc., et al (Biz Ct # 2022-11) (Polk County EQCE086559) Gwen Page v FullDogs, Inc., et al (Biz Ct # 2022-10) (Polk County EQCE086489)	D5	12/29/2021	2/14/2022	Consent	No
Gwen Page v FullDogs, Inc., et al (Biz Ct # 2022-10) (Polk County EQCE086489)	D5	2/12/2021	2/14/2022	Consent	Yes
Gwen Page v And One, Inc., et al (Biz Ct # 2022-11) (Polk County EQCE086559)	D5	3/16/2021	2/14/2022	Consent	Yes

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Heartland Co-op v Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Co (Polk County LACL152428)	D5	2/3/2022	3/10/2022	Consent	No
CMT Highway v Logan Contractors Supply (Cedar County LACV036721)	D7	3/1/2022	4/21/2022	Consent	No
Heishman v Farm Credit Services of America (Poweshiek County LALA002592)	D8	5/27/2021	6/10/2022	Motion	No
In Re J Bruce McDonald Generation Skipping Trust (Dubuque County TRPR053580)	D1	1/27/2022	8/3/2022	Motion	No
Severinotruely et al v Etherio Holdings et al (Polk County LACL153340)	D5	6/29/2022	10/8/2022	Motion	No
Vision Electric v Allied Construction et al (Clinton County EQCV048491)	D7	8/26/2022	12/27/2022	Motion	No
Baumler et al v Valley Pork LLC (Fayette County LACV056481)	D1	12/20/2022	1/26/2023	Consent	No
Gottula v Bridle (Polk County LACL154575)	D5	12/21/2022	2/1/2023	Motion	No
Moxie Investments v MSI Diversified et al (Johnson County LACV084006)	D6	12/29/2022	3/9/2023	Motion	No
BDC Group v MidAmerican Energy (Linn County LACV101650)	D6	2/17/2023	3/9/2023	Consent	No
Braunecker et al v Berthel Fisher & Co. Financial Services et al (Linn County EQCV101693)	D6	2/23/2023	3/22/2023	Consent	No
Cornlan Farm et al v Gannon as Gannon estate administrator (Jasper County EQCV123136)	D5	3/16/2023	3/22/2023	Consent	No
Ackerman et al v Bennett et al (Linn County LACV098288)	D6	8/25/2021	3/31/2023	Consent	No
Iowa Pathology Associates et al v Abbott et al (Polk County EQCE088372)	D5	12/16/2022	4/6/2023	Consent	No
Graphite Construction v Calvin Community et al (Polk County LACL154620)	D5	12/28/2022	4/16/2023	Consent	No
Grays Station I v Craft Bru et al (Polk County LACL155205)	D5	3/16/2023	4/19/2023	Consent	No
BSB Design Inc v G3 Development LLC et al (Polk County CVCV065073)	D5	2/10/2023	4/19/2023	Motion	No

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Asbury Living et al v Stelpflug (Dubuque County LACV114360)	D1	1/31/2023	4/27/2023	Motion	No
David Harvey et al v Windsmart et al (Polk County CVCV065201)	D5	2/27/2023	5/4/2023	Motion	No
Graphite Construction v City of Oskaloosa (Mahaska County LALA075555)	D8	2/7/2023	5/11/2023	Consent	No
Midland Credit Union v ASI Comm. Const. Services et al (Polk County LACL155101)	D5	3/2/2023	5/11/2023	Motion	No
Bipin Patel et al v Balvant Patel et al (Johnson County LACV084218)	D6	3/28/2023	5/16/2023	Motion	No
K and F Properties LLC v Uptown Development LLC (Polk County LACL155168)	D5	3/10/2023	5/25/2023	Consent	No
Integrity Select Insurance Company et al v Wolfmark Inc et al (Polk County CVCV065243)	D5	3/16/2023	6/20/2023	Motion	No
Austin Nelson (33 Carpenters) v Kim Nelson (33 Carpenters) (Scott County LACE136021)	D7	3/31/2023	6/20/2023	Consent	No
DCI Group Inc v Broad and Main 7 LLC et al (Linn County EQCV101801)	D6	3/8/2023	6/26/2023	Motion	No
DCI Group Inc v Uptown Holdings, LLC et al (Linn County EQCV101807)	D6	3/9/2023	6/26/2023	Motion	No
Board of Regents et al v University of Iowa Energy Collaborative LLC (Johnson County LACV084240)	D6	3/31/2023	6/27/2023	Consent	No
Martell Services Group et al v Atwood Electric (Keokuk County LALA040095)	D8	4/5/2023	7/6/2023	Consent	No
Graphite Construction Group v DMACC (Polk County LACL155856)	D5	6/6/2023	7/6/2023	Motion	No
Jack Woods III et al v David Matthew Lewis et al (Polk County LACL155683)	D5	5/15/2023	7/11/2023	Consent	No
Southern Natural Resources v Conifer Power Company et al (Tama County LACV008660)	D6	4/25/2023	7/25/2023	Motion	No
Clinton County v City of Clinton (Clinton County LACV048956)	D7	4/3/2023	7/27/2023	Consent	No

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C.A. by/through Jennifer Alexander v Amerigroup et al (Polk County CVCV058769)	D5	8/22/2019	9/5/2023	Consent	No
Farm Credit Services et al v Jerome Vittetoe et al (Linn County EQCV102976)	D6	9/1/2023	9/12/2023	Consent	No
CMT Highway v Logan Contractors Supply (Cedar County LACV036959)	D7	9/12/2023	10/6/2023	Consent	No
Donald D. Kloetzer et al v Bartling Land & Livestock, Inc (Franklin County LACV502092)	D2	9/15/2023	11/7/2023	Consent	No
Pilcher v Pilcher et al (Polk County LACL157111)	D5	11/3/2023	11/30/2023	Consent	No
Hawkeye Investments Partners I LLC v Meta Platforms Inc (Polk County EQCE089588)	D5	11/10/2023	12/7/2023	Motion	No
Rock Gate Capital LLC d/b/a 160 Driving Academy (Polk County EQCE089556)	D5	11/3/2023	12/8/2023	Consent	No
America's Best Remodeling LLC v Lexington East Unit One Owners Association (Dubuque County LACV115207)	D1	6/26/2023	12/11/2023	Motion	No
Tschiggfrie Excavating, Co. v Bolton & Menk, Inc et al (Linn County LACV102709)	D6	7/24/2023	12/13/2023	Motion	No

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Resolved Cases 2014-2023

Case title / District Court Case #	Dist	Date filed in Dist Ct	Date assigned to Biz Ct	Consent / Motion	Disposition type	Resolved Date
Desert Flour LLC v Timberline Management Inc (Linn County LACV078149)	D6	4/1/2013	1/10/2014	Consent	Dismissal filed	4/11/2014
Flemmer et al v US Bank et al (Polk County EQCE074673)	D5	7/10/2013	11/12/2013	Consent	Dismissal filed	7/7/2014
World Food International v World Food Processing Inc et al (Mahaska County EQEQ087352)	D8	1/11/2013	6/6/2013	Consent	Dismissal filed	7/18/2014
Mettile et al v Caluzzi (Dallas County EQCV038275)	D5	4/25/2013	12/12/2013	Consent	Dismissal filed	8/1/2014
Rothgeb; Meyers v Axis Group Holdings LLC et al (Lee County LALA006081)	D8	10/10/2012	10/25/2013	Consent	Dismissal filed	8/21/2014
West Des Moines Community School Dist v The Weitz Co et al (Polk County LACL123417)	D5	10/3/2011	10/25/2013	Consent	Dismissal filed	10/2/2014
Copy Systems Inc v Laser Resources LLC et al (Polk County LACL129210)	D5	11/25/2013	3/20/2014	Consent	Dismissal filed	10/22/2014
General Motors LLC v Leep Chev LLC d/b/a Lujack Chevrolet (Scott County LACE123778)	D7	9/17/2013	10/14/2013	Consent	Dismissal filed	10/23/2014
Goetsch et al v Circle G Farms Inc et al (Ida County EQCV015164)	D3	9/11/2014	9/15/2014	Consent	Ruling after bench trial	2/3/2015
Promat Technical Services v. FLSmidth et al (Woodbury County LACV152295)	D3	12/18/2012	1/16/2015	Consent	Jury Verdict	8/31/2015
Seaway Bank & Trust Co et al v. Layton State Bank (Clinton County LACV041701)	D7	1/15/2015	4/29/2015	Consent	Dismissal filed	10/2/2015
Carpenter v. Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company et al (Louisa County LALA018726)	D8	9/16/2013	5/1/2015	Consent	Dismissal filed	11/24/2015
Copple et al v Copple et al (Polk County CVCV047906)	D5	6/24/2014	5/20/2015	Consent	Dismissal filed	2/4/2016
Matrixx Management LLC v Highland Meadows, LLC (Dallas County EQCV039151)	D5	12/9/2014	1/16/2015	Consent	Dismissal filed	2/19/2016
Winburn et al v Hoksbergen et al (Poweshiek County LALA002187)	D8	5/16/2014	7/8/2015	Consent	Dismissal filed	4/5/2016
Estate of Willenborg v American Trust & Savings Bank et al (Dubuque ESPR044243)	D1	3/14/2012	12/13/2013	Consent	Ruling	4/13/2016

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Shredlage LLC et al v Scherer (Mahaska LALA074975)	D8	1/16/2015	3/30/2015	Consent	Dismissal filed	4/29/2016
Tai Village Inc v Baccam et al (Polk County EQCE076614)	D6	6/2/2014	12/10/2014	Consent	Dismissal filed	6/8/2016
Meyer v Peoples Savings Bank et al (Grundy County LACV059252)	D1	3/5/2015	4/10/2015	Consent	Dismissal filed	6/15/2016
Merritt et al v JBS Live Pork LLC et al (Adair County LACV005896)	D5	7/21/2015	9/15/2015	Consent	Dismissal filed	8/30/2016
Merritt et al v JBS Live Pork LLC et al (Union County LACV017909)	D5	11/9/2015	2/15/2016	Consent	Dismissal filed	8/30/2016
Hopkins et al v Parks Finishing et al (Davis County LALA012580)	D8	12/1/2015	1/25/2016	Consent	Dismissal filed	11/3/2016
Arbogast et al v Parks Finishing et al (Davis County LALA012581) - <u>consolidated</u> w/Hopkins	D8	12/2/2015	1/25/2016	Consent	Dismissal filed	11/3/2016
Basinger et al v Parks Finishing et al (Davis County LALA012582) - <u>consolidated</u> w/Hopkins	D8	12/2/2015	1/25/2016	Consent	Dismissal filed	11/3/2016
Van Horn v RH Van Horn Farms Inc et al (Carroll County LACV039149)	D2	11/27/2013	8/10/2016	Consent	Ruling after bench trial	2/8/2017
Hunter & Hunter v Hunter (Greene County CVCV021466)	D2	1/6/2016	6/14/2016	Consent	Dismissal filed	5/2/2017
Deere & Company vs. BRC Rubber & Plastic Inc et al (Johnson County LACV078374)	D6	9/20/2016	1/6/2017	Consent	Dismissal filed	5/4/2017
Busse et al v Busse et al (Linn County LACV083022)	D6	4/29/2015	7/30/2015	Consent	Ruling after bench trial	5/22/2017
Busse et al v Kenney et al (Linn County EQCV083014)	D6	4/29/2015	6/20/2016	Consent	Ruling after bench trial	6/14/2017
Lindner v RH Van Horn Farms Inc et al (Carroll County EQCV039487) -- <i>Consolidated</i>	D2	12/2/2015	8/10/2016	Consent	Ruling after bench trial	7/18/2017
REG Washington LLC v. Iowa Renewable Energy LLC et al (Scott County EQCE128952)	D1	5/9/2017	7/18/2017	Consent	Ruling after bench trial	9/27/2017
Swiss Valley Farms v. HK Enterprises Group (Scott County LACE127665)	D7	5/24/2016	4/10/2017	Consent	Dismissal filed	10/24/2017

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SH Development LLC et al v Israel et al (Polk County EQCE080041)	D5	5/16/2016	8/10/2016	Consent	Dismissal filed	11/21/2017
Warehouse Trust LLC v Earl Thompson Masonry Inc (Dubuque County LACV106102)	D1	4/25/2017	6/26/2017	Consent	Summary Judgment	1/9/2018
LTB 2002 Irrevocable Trust (Linn County TRPR039102)	D6	3/16/2016	6/20/2016	Consent	Ruling after bench trial	1/23/2018
Transverse LLC v Info Directions d/b/a IDI Billing Solutions (Polk County LACL128813)	D5	10/11/2013	4/28/2017	Consent	Dismissal filed	7/13/2018
HNI Corp et al v Artcobell Holdings LLC et al (Polk County LACL138703)	D5	8/15/2017	1/16/2018	Consent	Dismissal filed	10/19/2018
AGT Foods v. Caremoli USA Inc (Story County LACV050107)	D2	3/30/2017	5/23/2017	Consent	Dismissal filed	11/8/2018
Collis Inc. v Chamberlain Manufacturing (Clinton County LACV020239)	D7	11/12/1993	4/27/2016	Consent	Dismissal filed	12/14/2018
ME Associates v Thoma et al (Black Hawk County EQCV133051)	D1	9/7/2017	7/13/2018	Consent	Dismissal filed	12/19/2018
Soil Solutions LLC v Greenspire Global Inc et al (Polk County LACL135935)	D5	9/9/2016	8/29/2017	Consent	Dismissal filed	1/4/2019
WC Stewart Construction Inc v Dubuque Bank & Trust Company (Dubuque County LACV107741)	D1	6/27/2018	10/18/2018	Consent	Dismissal filed	2/6/2019
Baldwin v Athene Annuity & Life Company (Polk County CVCV054026)	D5	4/28/2017	11/1/2017	Consent	Jury verdict	4/22/2019
Wood Roofing Company v The Garland Company et al (Polk County LACL140682)	D5	3/19/2018	10/18/2018	Consent	Dismissal filed	4/25/2019
Premier Ag Systems LLC v Jordan Ag Enterprises LLC et al (Clayton County LACV010582)	D1	12/11/2018	3/19/2019	Consent	Dismissal filed	5/8/2019
Hastings Mutual Insurance v Hagie Holding Company d/b/a Hagie Manufacturing et al (Wright County LACV024560)	D2	3/20/2018	6/1/2018	Consent	Dismissal filed	5/17/2019
Calkins v Brandt et al (Polk County EQCE081752)	D5	7/7/2017	8/29/2017	Consent	Ruling after bench trial	6/28/2019
Versa Fitness LLC et al v Sweat Equity LLC et al (Johnson County EQCV080735)	D6	4/5/2019	6/13/2019	Consent	Dismissal filed	7/12/2019

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BGA Management d/b/a Alliance Management et al v Lundeen (Hancock County CVCV019693)	D2	9/11/2018	12/19/2018	Consent	Dismissal filed	7/15/2019
The Boulder Company v Harvest International Inc (Polk County EQCE083127)	D5	5/31/2018	8/8/2018	Consent	Dismissal filed	8/22/2019
Karl Kustoms Inc. v KMJ Enterprises LLC et al (Polk County LACL142260)	D5	9/12/2018	11/15/2018	Consent	Dismissal filed	9/13/2019
Dovico et al v Valley View Swine LLC et al (Wapello County LALA105144)	D8	4/2/2014	7/8/2015	Consent	Dismissal filed	9/24/2019
Willenborg v Willenborg; Willenborg (Dubuque County LACV107249)	D1	11/3/2017	3/1/2018	Consent	Dismissal filed	9/27/2019
Miller v Ware (Washington County LALA002628)	D8	4/12/2018	5/22/2018	Consent	Dismissal filed	10/17/2019
Walz & Supreme Beef et al vs Feeder Creek Energy et al (Clayton County EQCV010637)	D1	4/11/2019	5/16/2019	Consent	Dismissal filed	12/23/2019
Cedar Valley Bank & Trust v Commercial Power Finance Inc et al (Linn County LACV092768)	D6	5/1/2019	8/8/2019	Consent	Dismissal filed	12/30/2019
Saratoga Capital LLC v Eastern Iowa Community College District et al (Scott County LACE131295)	D7	2/8/2019	3/19/2019	Consent	Dismissal filed	2/3/2020
Preferred Marketing Inc d/b/a Broken Arrow vs Brick Gentry Bowers Swartz & Levis PC et al (Polk County LACL139760)	D5	12/13/2017	4/8/2019	Consent	Dismissal filed	2/28/2020
International Motor Contest Association Inc vs Brzezinski Racing Products et al (Benton County LACV009914)	D6	8/9/2019	10/10/2019	Consent	Dismissal filed	3/6/2020
Woodruff v Woodruff et al (Story County EQCV050492)	D2	12/6/2017	4/23/2018	Consent	Dismissal filed	3/11/2020
Parker et al v Platinum Servicesm Inc et al (Dubuque County LACV106241)	D1	6/6/2017	10/3/2017	Consent	Ruling after bench trial	3/19/2020
EMC Insurance Group Inc v Shepard (Polk County LACL146273)	D5	11/12/2019	11/26/2019	Motion	Summary Judgment	4/6/2020
Shepard vs EMC Insurance Group Inc (Polk County CVCV058747)	D5	8/22/2019	8/28/2019	Motion	Ruling after bench trial	4/22/2020
BusinessSolver.com v Frederick (Polk County EQCE085629)	D5	2/3/2020	3/16/2020	Motion	Dismissal filed	5/1/2020

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Duruji and similarly situated persons vs Platinum Services Inc. et al (Dubuque County LACV106815)	D1	11/3/2017	4/24/2019	Motion	Other	5/23/2020
EMC Insurance Group v Quadre Investment LP (Polk County LACL147237)	D5	2/14/2020	3/6/2020	Consent	Dismissal filed	6/30/2020
Roscoe; Danial v Prowell et al (Linn County LACV091673)	D6	12/4/2018	6/19/2019	Consent	Dismissal filed	7/10/2020
Virginia Gay Hospital v Amerigroup Iowa Inc et al (Benton County LACV009696)	D6	9/19/2018	6/13/2019	Consent	Dismissal filed	7/17/2020
Iowa Cancer Specialists PC v Open Software Solutions LLC; Kovach (Scott County LACE132154)	D7	10/1/2019	11/5/2019	Motion	Dismissal filed	9/23/2020
Evergreen Capital Group Inc vs Fiberight LLC et al (Linn County LACV089703)	D6	2/20/2018	4/8/2019	Consent	Dismissal filed	9/23/2020
Flatt v Berhten Fisher & Company Financial Services Inc (Linn County LACV091334)	D6	10/8/2018	11/15/2018	Consent	Dismissal filed	10/19/2020
Whitehead et al v Iowa Finance Authority et al (Polk County LACL145297)	D5	8/2/2019	12/17/2019	Motion	Dismissal filed	10/23/2020
Acieta LLC v New Hudson Facades LLC (Pottawattamie County LACV117411)	D4	3/7/2018	6/27/2019	Motion	Dismissal filed	12/1/2020
Lennox Industries v Employers Mutual Casualty Co et al (Polk County EQCE083403)	D5	8/16/2018	3/1/2019	Consent	Dismissal filed	12/15/2020
Money Services Inc. et al v Ibeat Inc et al (Linn County LACV095444)	D6	5/5/2020	7/23/2020	Motion	Dismissal filed	2/12/2021
MLY Investments LLC et al v SLOW LLC (Linn County LACV094784)	D6	1/17/2020	3/23/2020	Consent	Dismissal filed	4/6/2021
F.S. Bancor, Inc v Tamisiea; Next Phase Development LLC (Polk County EQCE086249)	D5	10/6/2020	10/9/2020	Consent	Dismissal filed	4/9/2021
Welbes and similarly situated persons v DuTrac Community Credit Union (Dubuque County LACV110634)	D1	3/24/2020	11/9/2020	Consent	Dismissal filed	4/23/2021
Hunter and similarly situated persons v DuPaco Credit Union Inc (Linn County LACV095734)	D6	6/29/2020	8/20/2020	Motion	Dismissal filed	4/27/2021

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Lawson and similarly situated v Veridian Credit Union (Polk County LACL148286) - [consolidated under LACL144915]	D5	2/21/2020	7/31/2020	Motion	Other	5/3/2021
Wright and similarly situated persons v Veridian Credit Union (Polk County LACL144915) - [consolidated with LACL148286]	D5	6/25/2019	7/31/2020	Motion	Other	5/3/2021
Trostel v Codycal, Inc et al (Polk County CVCV060213)	D5	5/18/2020	2/19/2021	Consent	Dismissal filed	7/30/2021
Winger Contracting Company v Cargill et al (Monroe County LALA003743) [consolidated]	D8	6/24/2015	4/15/2016	Consent	Dismissal filed	8/12/2021
Winger Contracting Company v Cargill et al (Monroe County EQEQ009184) [consolidated]	D8	9/8/2015	4/25/2016	Consent	Dismissal filed	8/12/2021
HF Chlor-Alkalai LLC vs Conve & AVS et al (Monroe County LALA003789) [consolidated]	D8	11/22/2016	3/8/2017	Consent	Dismissal filed	8/12/2021
Tracer Construction LLC v Cargill et al (Monroe County EQEQ009228) [consolidated under EQEQ009184]	D8	5/12/2016	3/8/2017	Consent	Dismissal filed	8/12/2021
Cargill v HF Chlor-Alkalai LLC et al (Monroe County EQEQ009262)	D8	10/28/2016	3/8/2017	Consent	Dismissal filed	8/13/2021
Colosimo v Colosimo; A&R Environmental LLC (Polk County LACL146374)	D5	11/19/2019	1/27/2020	Consent	Ruling after bench trial	8/17/2021
Buresh Building Systems v Raker Rhodes Civil LLC et al (Polk County LACL141114)	D5	4/17/2018	10/9/2018	Consent	Dismissal filed	8/17/2021
Orthotek Inc v DME 276 LLC f/k/a DME Divas LLC; Rowe (Polk County LACL148087)	D5	6/16/2020	12/8/2020	Consent	Dismissal filed	8/27/2021
Minner and similarly situated persons v Greenstate Credit Union (Johnson County LACV082393)	D6	3/17/2021	8/12/2021	Motion	Dismissal filed	9/2/2021
Tri-City Electric Company of Iowa Inc vs JF Edwards Construction Company et al (Clay County LACV032632)	D3	6/4/2019	8/28/2019	Consent	Dismissal filed	9/3/2021
Fitz et al v Transamerica Life Insurance Company (Dallas County LACV042904)	D5	4/12/2021	7/12/2021	Consent	Dismissal filed	9/22/2021

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Goettsch v Heidman Law Firm LLP (Woodbury County LACV188238)	D3	9/9/2019	4/17/2020	Motion	Jury verdict	9/28/2021
Hansen Company Inc v Whitfield & Eddy PLC; Stone (Polk County LACL143297)	D5	1/7/2019	3/6/2019	Consent	Dismissal filed	9/29/2021
Mason and similarly situated persons v Dubuque Bank and Trust (Dubuque County LACV111838)	D1	3/17/2021	7/14/2021	Motion	Dismissal filed	11/4/2021
Ehrp; Ehrp vs Farmers Cooperative Society of Sioux Center (Sioux County LACV027793)	D3	3/27/2019	7/3/2019	Motion	Dismissal filed	11/11/2021
Schwartz and similarly situated person v Community 1st Credit Union (Wapello County LALA106300)	D8	7/16/2021	8/18/2021	Consent	Dismissal filed	11/16/2021
First Dakota Title Limited Partnership et al v. Hoag et al (Polk County LACL146389)	D5	11/21/2019	1/14/2020	Consent	Dismissal filed	11/17/2021
New Modern Concepts Inc vs 3M Company et al (Hamilton County LACV029451)	D2	6/19/2018	8/14/2019	Consent	Dismissal filed	12/17/2021
Razavi and similarly situated persons v Green State Credit Union (Johnson County LACV081674)	D6	3/6/2020	7/17/2020	Motion	Other	2/17/2022
Eco Technologies International LLC v Yung et al (Polk County LACL143451)	D5	1/23/2019	8/12/2021	Consent	Dismissal filed	2/18/2022
Platinum Supplemental Insurance Inc v Gold Standard Supplemental Insurance Services LLC (Dubuque County LACV108374)	D1	11/14/2018	6/6/2019	Motion	Dismissal filed	3/17/2022
Integrity Builders & Supply Inc v Ag Property Solutions LLC; Harris (Johnson County CVCV080743)	D6	4/5/2019	10/15/2019	Motion	Dismissal filed	4/21/2022
Cosimo; Cosimo v The Plumbing Company et al (Polk County EQCE087014)	D5	9/15/2021	11/15/2021	Motion	Dismissal filed	5/18/2022
Rasmussen v Barthel (Polk County LACL151035)	D5	7/12/2021	8/23/2021	Consent	Dismissal filed	5/19/2022
Hahn Ready Mix v Lunda Construction (Scott County LACE132921)	D7	6/2/2020	7/9/2020	Motion	Dismissal filed	5/19/2022
Pelley et al v Kelly (Linn County LACV096696)	D6	12/21/2020	12/22/2020	Consent	Dismissal filed	6/8/2022
In the Matter of Trust of Mary Lane Warner (Van Buren County TRPR001956)	D8	12/31/2019	1/11/2022	Motion	Dismissal filed	6/21/2022

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Uglum; Pivot Wealth Strategies LLC v Nelson (Polk County LACL148815)	D5	9/30/2020	2/4/2022	Consent	Dismissal filed	9/8/2022
RJ Tide Construction Company Co v Siouxland Concrete Co; Standard Ready Mix Concrete (Woodbury County LACV194384)	D3	11/25/2020	4/1/2021	Motion	Dismissal filed	10/31/2022
Lundgren; ASI Companies v Forburger; Kirvin (Polk County EQCE087258)	D5	1/26/2022	5/23/2022	Consent	Dismissal filed	11/4/2022
Rupert v Elast America Inc (Linn County CVCV096902)	D6	1/27/2021	2/4/2022	Motion	Jury verdict	11/15/2022
Venture Holdings LLC et al v Pezzetti (Polk County EQCE086732)	D6	6/3/2021	8/22/2022	Consent	Dismissal filed	11/28/2022
Spreitzer Properties LLC et al v Travelers Corp et al (Linn County LACV098545)	D6	10/8/2021	6/29/2022	Consent	Dismissal filed	12/6/2022
Photographic Products Inc et al v 200 Prop LLC (Linn County LACV097060)	D6	2/19/2021	12/22/2021	Consent	Dismissal filed	12/12/2022
MMBK LLC f/k/a Vizient LLC v Vizient Manufacturing Solutions INC f/k/a Wizard Acquisition Co (Scott County LACE132409)	D7	12/10/2019	4/20/2020	Consent	Summary Judgment	1/6/2023
McDonald v Relion Insurance Solutions et al (Johnson County LACV083023)	D6	12/2/2021	1/12/2022	Consent	Dismissal filed	1/11/2023
Glessner v DeCoster (Polk County LACL150644)	D5	5/14/2021	7/19/2021	Consent	Dismissal filed	1/19/2023
Spencer v Landmark Brokerage Services; Shelton (Polk County CVCV057936)	D5	4/9/2019	9/23/2021	Consent	Dismissal filed	2/17/2023
Abdel-Malek v Malum Inc et al (Linn County LACV099329)	D6	2/22/2022	4/25/2022	Consent	Dismissal filed	2/24/2023
Pruchno MD v Physicians Clinic of Iowa PC et al (Linn County CVCV098582)	D6	10/15/2021	1/11/2022	Consent	Dismissal filed	3/16/2023
Tschantz et al v Jenson et al (Linn County EQCV100317)	D6	8/2/2022	1/25/2023	Consent	Dismissal filed	4/3/2023
Southern Disaster Recovery LLC v City of Marion (Linn County LACV098830)	D6	11/24/2021	1/19/2022	Motion	Jury verdict	5/1/2023

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Meade and similarly situated persons v EMC Insurance Group Inc et al (Polk County LACL146098)	D5	10/22/2019	12/9/2019	Consent	Other	5/8/2023
City of Des Moines v 207 Crocker LLC et al (Polk County CVCV063975)	D5	7/8/2022	9/30/2022	Motion	Other	5/12/2023
The Dennis Group Inc v Ralston Purina Company et al (Clinton County EQCV048050)	D7	1/27/2022	8/31/2022	Consent	Dismissal filed	5/12/2023
Buchanan MD v Physicians Clinic of Iowa PC et al (Linn County EQCV098580)	D6	10/15/2021	1/11/2022	Consent	Dismissal filed	6/22/2023
Lang Construction Group Inc v Harken et al (Polk County EQCE087064)	D5	10/8/2021	2/22/2022	Motion	Dismissal filed	7/19/2023
K and F Properties LLC v River Place Properties II LLC (Polk County LACL155172)	D5	3/13/2023	5/25/2023	Consent	Dismissal filed	7/19/2023
Rocc Solid Construction LLC; Scalmato v 33 Carpenters Construction Inc (Scott County LACE131858)	D7	7/19/2019	7/26/2022	Consent	Dismissal filed	8/1/2023
Goodman et al v Goodman (Marshall County LACI011305)	D2	11/15/2021	12/21/2021	Consent	Dismissal filed	9/6/2023
Lange MD v Physicians Clinic of Iowa PC (Linn County CVCV098579)	D6	10/15/2021	1/11/2022	Consent	Dismissal filed	9/8/2023
Village Cooperative of Crow Creek v Real Estate Equities et al (Scott County LACE131787)	D7	6/29/2019	12/20/2019	Motion	Dismissal filed	10/13/2023
River City Hardwoods Inc. v Kendrickland LLC et al (Muscatine County LACV026680)	D7	11/11/2022	2/16/2023	Consent	Dismissal filed	10/20/2023
City of Hialeah Employee Retirement System v American Equity Investment Life Holding Company et al (Polk County CVCV066262)	D5	10/23/2023	10/25/2023	Consent	Dismissal filed	11/15/2023
Green Belt Bank & Trust v Midwestone Bank (Johnson County EQCV083055) [consolidated] The Cooperative Finance Association Inc v Midwestone Bank (Johnson County LACV082930) [consolidated]	D6	12/10/2021 / 10/20/2021	2/23/2022	Consent	Dismissal filed	11/16/2023

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Dahnovan Builders LLC et al v Wilson et al (Johnson County LACV081216)	D6	9/20/2019	6/8/2021	Motion	Dismissal filed	11/20/2023
Buckendahl; Buckendahl v Medica Insurance Co (Black Hawk County LACV144834)	D1	3/14/2022	4/19/2023	Consent	Dismissal filed	11/27/2023
Petersen et al v Happe et al (Polk County LACL154926)	D5	2/10/2023	3/22/2023	Consent	Dismissal filed	12/21/2023
Estate of Michael Dean Sobotka et al v Torstenson et al (Dallas County LACV043150)	D5	9/1/2021	11/15/2021	Consent	Other	1/4/2024
Noahs Management LLC v Noah L and Sarah Lacona Revocable Trust et al (Polk County LACL147601)	D5	3/20/2020	4/22/2020	Motion	Dismissal filed	1/11/2024
City of Marion v Southern Disaster Recovery et al (Linn County MACISC262773)	D6	2/21/2023	6/28/2023	Motion	Dismissal filed	1/19/2024
Stryker Demolition & Environmental Service LLC v MidAmerican Energy Company (Woodbury County LACV202678)	D3	4/29/2022	6/9/2022	Motion	Dismissal filed	2/8/2024
Capitis LLC et al v Dremelow (Linn County LACV101901)	D6	3/22/2023	9/11/2023	Consent	Dismissal filed	3/8/2024
Raders MD v Price; RSM US LLP (Johnson County LACV081205)	D6	9/18/2019	12/9/2019	Motion	Summary Judgment	4/17/2024
Hora et al v Hora et al (Washington County EQEQ006366)	D8	8/18/2017	1/16/2018	Consent	Ruling after bench trial	5/22/2024
Bartling et al v LWB Financial et al (Polk County LACL124782)	D5	3/21/2012	9/4/2013	Consent	Dismissal filed	7/16/2024
Digital Artefacts LLC v University of Iowa et al (Johnson County LACV077535)	D6	8/25/2015	12/22/2016	Consent	Dismissal filed	8/7/2024