

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE THE JURISDICTION OF CERTAIN
DISTRICT ASSOCIATE JUDGES.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

March 17, 2020

The First Judicial District determines it is necessary to enter an order pursuant to *Code of Iowa* Section 602.6306 concerning the jurisdiction of certain District Associate Judges in order to assist the district in responding to the situation created by the COVID-19 virus. In order to provide for coverage in counties where a District Associate Judge is a resident judge and in which no District Court Judge is a resident judge, the Court finds that the restrictions associated with the COVID-19 virus create the necessary temporary incapacity of a District Court Judge in those counties sufficient to resort to the provisions of *Code of Iowa* Section 602.6306 which allows a chief judge of a judicial district to provide that the jurisdiction of a District Associate Judge be temporarily expanded to judicial authority within the jurisdiction of a District Court Judge.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that District Associate Judge Stephanie Rattenborg, District Associate Judge Linnea Nicol, and District Associate Judge Jeffrey Harris are granted judicial authority by the undersigned to exercise temporary District Court Judge jurisdiction over all level and nature of civil and criminal cases within the authority of a District Court Judge.

This Order is effective immediately.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Kellyann M. Lekar

KELLYANN M. LEKAR, Chief Judge of the
First Judicial District of Iowa