

Iowa Judicial Branch
Application for a Supreme Court Justice Position

(Revised: 5-7-2018)

Part 1: Personal Background Information Form
For Submission to the State Judicial Nominating Commission
See the "Instructions for Applicants" (a separate page)

1. Applicant's full name:

Anjela Arrista Shutts

2. Current occupation/title. (Lawyers: identify name of firm, organization, or government agency; judicial officers: identify title and judicial election district):

Member, Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C.

3. City and county of residence:

Des Moines, Polk County

4. Age:

47

5. Gender (Female / Male):

Female

6. Race/ethnicity:

Caucasian

Please provide this information so we can determine the extent to which the Iowa courts are attracting candidates from diverse racial/ethnic backgrounds. *Please write in the one or two categories that best fit(s) your background.*

- Asian/Pacific Islander (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Indian, Pakistani, Filipino, Indonesian, native Hawaiian)
- Black/African ■ Hispanic/Latina(o) ■ Native American (e.g., Meskwaki, Sioux, Inuit)
- White/Caucasian ■ Other (write it in one of the boxes)

7. Are you related (within the third degree of consanguinity) to any of the members of the State Judicial Nominating Commission involved in the selection process for the position for which you are submitting this application? (Yes or No) If your answer is "yes," please explain.

No.

8. Have you ever had a social relationship or business relationship (e.g., as a business or law partner) with any of the members of the State Judicial Nominating Commission involved in the selection process for the position for which you are submitting this application? (Yes or No) If your answer is "yes," please explain.

No.

9. Explain why you are seeking this judgeship position:

First, I have been drawn to public service since college. Even in private practice, I have made a commitment to pro bono representation and community service. Second, I enjoy nuanced questions of law and am excited about the intellectual challenge this role would present in researching and writing about them. Third, I am a life-long learner. Finally, my experiences on the various work groups and task forces have educated me about the large administrative role that the Iowa Supreme Court plays in the judicial system. I am very intrigued about these administrative duties.

10. Explain how your appointment would enhance the court:

Everyone who applies for this position can research and write. It is the “soft skills” that differentiate me from other candidates. I have a wealth of experience. I have tried many cases over my twenty-two years in practice, to many judges, all over the state. I have handled appeals to both the Iowa Supreme Court and Iowa Court of Appeals. I have been a family law mediator for over fifteen years. These experiences mean that I understand how the Iowa Supreme Court’s rulings and administrative changes affect every day Iowans. It also means that I can handle difficult decisions and situations.

My experience has predominantly been in the family law area. In Iowa, in 2017, over 38,000 domestic cases were filed in Iowa courts, compared to 23,000 civic and tort matters.¹ I would bring my experiences in this area to the Supreme Court.

Serving as a justice on the Supreme Court requires a level of collegiality. It is important to build consensus when deciding cases. I can build consensus among people with my mediation skills and experience gained in serving on my law firm’s executive committee as well as from the various leadership roles for legal organizations throughout my time in practice. I also value civility and pride myself on being civil to everyone at all times. Civility is key to a good judicial temperament.

I have been a leader in the firm, in the bar and in my community. The Iowa Supreme Court is the face of the judicial branch – not just in its decisions, but particularly in the rule-making and administrative functions. The justices on the Iowa Supreme Court are not just a part of those decisions, but often are the leaders of the task forces and study groups. My experience in being part of the task forces along with my leadership skills would be a benefit to the kinds of commissions and study groups that are formed to advise and lead the legal community in Iowa.

I have been passionate about access to justice since becoming a licensed attorney. Because I have a law degree, I have an obligation to assist in maintaining public confidence in the judicial system. Insuring that everyone has access to the judicial system is key to maintaining public confidence in the institution.

¹ According to the Iowa Supreme Court website.

11. Identify any offenses for which you have ever been **convicted** or pled guilty for the violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, *excluding* convictions that have been properly *expunged*. Do not include traffic violations for which the court imposed a fine of \$250 or less, unless you were arrested. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Convicted of (describe offense)	Seriousness of charge (e.g., serious misdemean., felony)	Location of court (County, State)	Disposition type (Plea, judge ruling, jury verdict)	Sentence / Penalty	Sentence date (mo/day/yr)
None					

12. Has any local, state, or federal office/agency ever assessed or threatened to assess you with a civil or criminal penalty in connection with the reporting of, or **failure to report, your federal, state, or local taxes**? (Yes or No) If yes, provide details.

No.

13. Have you ever been the subject of a **no-contact order**? (Yes or No) If yes, provide details (case number, county, state, date issued, date rescinded, and reason for the NCO).

No.

14. Have you ever been a **party** in any **legal proceeding** (excluding traffic violation cases for which a fine of \$250 or less was imposed, unless you were arrested)? If yes, provide the following information: (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Case number	County, State	Date filed	Date close	Description of case and outcome
CE 54321	Polk, Iowa	September 19, 2006	October 25, 2007	In May of 2006, I was asked to serve on the Central Iowa Employment & Training Consortium (CIETC) board. The Des Moines Register and Tribune sued the board and each board member individually for alleged open meeting violations. Ultimately there was a settlement and the case was dismissed.

15. Have you ever been **publicly disciplined** in any manner for a breach of professional ethics or unprofessional conduct by any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary board, or other professional group? If yes, provide the following information: (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Name of discipline board or agency	Date discipline imposed	Description of the ethics violation	Description of the public discipline
No			

16. List each **college and law school** you attended, including the dates of attendance, the degree awarded, and your reason for leaving each school if you did not receive a degree from that institution was awarded. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

College(s) and Law School(s) – and reason for leaving, if applicable	Dates Attended (Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr)	Degree(s)	Month/Yr Received
Luther College	08/89 to 05/93	BA	May 1993
Drake University Law School	08/93 to 05/96	J.D.	May 1996

17. List any relevant **honors, prizes, awards**, or other forms of recognition that you have received for educational, professional, or community contributions/achievements. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Name/Title of Honor, Prizes, Awards	Awarded by:	Month/Yr Received
Distinguished Service Award	Luther College	To be received October 2018
Iowa Supreme Court Voice of Justice Award	Iowa Supreme Court	June 2018
Willie Glanton Stevens Award	Polk County Women Attorneys	March 2018
Polk County Bar Association Award of Merit	Polk County Bar Association	May 2017
"150 in 150" – List of outstanding alumni in 150 years	Drake University Law School	2015
Family Law Lawyer of the Year	Best Lawyers	2015
Best Lawyers in America – selected for family law	Best Lawyers	2015-2017
Great Plains Super Lawyer – selected for family law	Best Lawyers	2007, 2009-2017
Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute Alumni Community Service Award	Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute	May 2014

Des Moines "40 Under 40"	Des Moines Business Record	2002
Iowa State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division – STAR award	Iowa State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division	June 2000
Outstanding Volunteer	Polk County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project	May 1998
Pro Bono Award	Iowa State Bar Association	June 1998
Drake Moot Court Alumni Service Award	Drake University Law School Moot Court program	March 1997
Drake University Law School	Order of Barristers	March 1996
Carlucci Award for Professionalism and Civility	Drake University Law School	March 1996
Jensen Medal	Luther College	May 1993

18. List all **articles and books** you have published; include the citations and dates. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

"The Help: The Addition of Third Party Neutrals for Collaborative Divorce Practices" - Drake Law Review – Discourse, February 22, 2017.

19. List all **public presentations** you have made at educational, professional, or other public forums; include the citations and dates. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Title of Presentation	City, State	Event Sponsor	Month & Year
"Ethics During Mediation and Trial – a/k/a Would Your Mother Approve of Your Behavior"	Des Moines, IA	Polk County Bar Association	January 2018
Alumnae Leadership Panel	Decorah, IA	Luther College	October 2017
"Family Law 101"	Des Moines, IA	PCBA VLP – training to in-house counsel at American Equity	July 2017
"Limited Scope Representation"	Des Moines, IA	University of Iowa Law School	April 2017
Panelist - "Expert Tips for a Successful Mediation"	Riverside, IA	Iowa Association of Justice	March 2017

"Limited Scope Representation and You"	Des Moines, IA	Iowa State Bar Association – Annual Meeting	June 2016
Moderator – "Access to Justice: an Iowa Edge – Diagnosing and Dealing with Barriers"	Davenport, IA	Iowa State Bar Association – Bench/Bar Conference	May 2016
Panelist – "Expanding Access to Justice in Iowa"	Des Moines, IA	Iowa State Bar Association – Annual Meeting	June 2016
Moderator – "The EDMS Gamut – Surviving Efiling"	Des Moines, IA	Polk County Bar Association	February 2015
"Financial Planner's Tools and Skills Which Can Improve Your Domestic Relations Practice"	Des Moines, IA	Iowa State Bar Association – Annual Family Law CLE	October 2014
"EDMS and Your Family Law Practice"	Des Moines, IA	Iowa State Bar Association – Annual Family Law CLE	October 2014
"Pro Bono Exposed – New Lawyer Training"	Des Moines, IA	Iowa State Bar Association	August 2013
"Legal Ethics and Substance Abuse for the Practitioner"	Des Moines, IA	National Business Institute	December 2012
"Electronically Stored Information"	Des Moines, IA	Iowa Legal Aid	December 2012
"Top 10 Lessons in Iowa Family Law"	Des Moines	Polk County Bar Association	November 2012
Moderator – "What Family Law Judges Really Want You to Know"	Des Moines	National Business Institute	November 2012
"Ethical Perils in Family Law"	Des Moines	National Business Institute	April 2011
"Preventing Critical Financial Mistakes In the Divorce Decree"	Riverside, IA	Iowa Association of Justice	April 2011
"Negotiating the Best Possible Settlement for Your Clients"	Des Moines, IA	National Business Institute	2009, 2007, 2006
"Mama Needs a New Pair of Shoes – How to Get Paid and Get Paid Ethically"	Des Moines, IA	Iowa State Bar Association – Annual Meeting	June 2008
"Gender Bias In Family Law Matters: Or Why You Should Not Say 'Why Buy the Cow if the Milk is Free'"	Des Moines, IA	Iowa Judges Association ²	February 2008

² Also given at the Iowa Trial Lawyer Seminar in March 2008 in Riverside, Iowa.

"Maintaining High Ethical Standards"	Des Moines, IA	National Business Institute	February 2006
"Legal Ethics"	Des Moines, IA	Lorman	November 2007
"Ethical Issues for the Family Law Attorney"	Des Moines, IA	National Business Institute	April 2007
"Legal Ethics in Iowa"	Des Moines, IA	Lorman Education Services	August 2005
"Solutions to the Most Common Ethical Challenges"	Des Moines, IA	Lorman	December 2004
"Ethics in Divorce Cases"	Des Moines, IA	Iowa State Bar Association – Young Lawyers Division – Bridge the Gap	May 2004

20. List all part-time and full-time **teaching positions** you have held. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Name of School / College	City, State	Name of Course(s)	Month/Yr to Month/Yr	Full-time or Part-time
Drake University Law School	Des Moines, IA	Family Law	August 2011-December 2011	Part-time
Drake University Law School	Des Moines, IA	Family Law	January 2012-May 2012	Part-time
Drake University Law School	Des Moines, IA	Trial Advocacy	January 2006-May 2006	Part-time

21. List the courts or **jurisdictions** in which you are, or have been, **admitted to practice law**, including any administrative bodies with special admission requirements, and the dates of admission for each. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

State and federal jurisdictions in which you are, or have been, admitted to practice law	Month/Yr Admitted
State of Iowa	June 1996
Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa ³	June 1996

³ I allowed my federal license to lapse in approximately 2013.

22. List chronologically the **employment** you have had *since your initial admission to practice law* in any state or federal jurisdiction. For each time period, provide the following information as applicable:

a. If you served as a law clerk to a judge, provide the name of the judge, the court, and the court's location.

Dates (From -- To)	Name of judge, name of court, and court location

b. If you have practiced law, provide the following information for each position you have held:

- (1) Name of the law firm(s), company, or government agency that employed you,
- (2) City and state where the office was located,
- (3) Number of attorneys in the law firm or agency,
- (4) Whether you were a partner in the firm,
- (5) The areas of law in which you practiced, and
- (6) A description of the typical clients you represented. *(Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)*

Dates (From -- To)	Description of law practice (address topics in 22(b)(1) – (6) for each time period)
June 1996 – current	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C.; (2) Des Moines, Iowa; (3) The number of attorneys has varied between 35-50 during my time at the firm; (4) I became a partner in January 2003; (5) I have focused on family law and family law mediation for the last seventeen years. Initially, when I was an associate at the firm, I also did insurance defense, workers compensation defense, employment and general litigation. (6) In the past seventeen years, I have represented individuals in family law matters, including divorces, paternity case, juvenile and guardianship/conservatorship matters. Since 1999, I have also served as a mediator in family law matters.

23. Regarding your legal experience:

a. Approximately what percentage of your court appearances have been in the following types of courts?

Type of court	% of appearances
(1) Federal courts	1%
(2) State courts	98%
(3) Administrative agencies	1%

(4) Other tribunals	
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b. Approximately what percentage of your time have you spent on the following types of cases?

Types of cases	% of your time
(1) Administrative	
(2) Civil	2%
(3) Criminal	
(4) Domestic	92%
(5) Juvenile	4%
(6) Probate	2%
(7) Other (describe):	

c. In the past **10 years**, approximately how many cases have you **tried to a conclusion** (rather than settling) before a judge and before a jury? Indicate the number in which you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

Type of trial	Total # of trials	# as sole counsel	# as chief counsel	# as associate counsel
Tried before a jury	0	0	0	0
Tried before a judge	85 (approx.)	75	9	1
Column Total				

d. In the past **20 years**, in approximately how many cases have you have represented a party in an **appeal to an appellate court in any state or federal jurisdiction**? Indicate the number in which you were sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel.

Appellate court*	Total # of appeals:	# as sole counsel	# as chief counsel	# as associate counsel	# in which you presented oral argument
Iowa Supreme Court	2	1	1		1
Iowa Court of Appeals	16	5	11		5
Other state appellate court (identify):					
Other state appellate court (identify):					

Other state appellate court (identify):					
Other appellate court (identify):					
Federal Circuit Court(s)					
U.S. Supreme Court					
Total	18	6	12		6

* Count it as an appeal to an intermediate court of appeals (ICA) -- e.g., Iowa's Court of Appeals -- if the state intermediate court of appeal initially handled it; count it as a separate appeal to the supreme court (SC) if the SC accepted it upon a petition for further review from the ICA; count an appeal to the supreme court if the SC retained jurisdiction without first assigning it to the ICA. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

- e. Describe the general nature of your **current law practice**, including the substantive areas of the law in which you practice (e.g., civil, domestic, criminal) and the approximate percentage of time you have spent on each area over the **past five years**:

I have spent 100% of my practice the past five years representing individuals or in mediating domestic relations matters.

24. Describe three of the most significant legal matters that you have personally handled. For each of the significant legal matters include the following information:

- a. Title of the case and the county and state of venue,
- b. A brief summary of the substance of each matter,
- c. A succinct statement of what you believe to be the significance of it,
- d. The name of the party you represented,
- e. The nature of your participation in the case,
- f. Dates of your involvement,
- g. The outcome of the case,
- h. Name(s) and address(es) [city, state] of co-counsel (if any),
- i. Name(s) of counsel for opposing parties in the case, and
- j. Name of the judge before whom you tried the case.

Note: if the matter was *confidential*, please avoid the use of any information that may allow disclosure of the identity of the parties.

Significant legal matter #1:

- (a) *In Re the Marriage of Howard*, Polk County, Iowa; appeal to Iowa Supreme Court
- (b) In August of 2000, paternal grandparents filed an Application to Modify a divorce decree and establish their rights to see their grandchild. The issue was whether grandparents had rights to visit a child over the objection of a fit, custodial parent.
- (c) It was my first argument to the Iowa Supreme Court. Additionally, the Iowa Supreme Court adopted my client's position and declared a portion of the Iowa Statute regarding grandparent visitation to be unconstitutional.
- (d) Charitie Howard – mother and primary custodial parent
- (e) Trial and appellate counsel
- (f) August of 2000 until May 2003
- (g) Iowa Supreme Court declared a portion of Iowa Statute regarding grandparent visitation unconstitutional.
- (h) None
- (i) Eric Eschelman
- (j) The Honorable George Bergeson

Significant legal matter #2:

- (a) *Robert Tigges v. Lori Tigges*, Dallas County, Iowa;
- (b) Modification of custody due to my client's relocation because of an employment opportunity. Modification also involved the parties' continued inability to get along and co-parent their children;
- (c) This case was significant to me for several reasons: 1) It was very emotional for both of the parties and involved the testimony of one of their children – who was 18 years old at the time of trial. 2) Controlling my client was a daily challenge. 3) Physical custody of the minor children was ultimately transferred from my client to his former wife. Assisting my client in dealing with the outcome of the trial challenged my skills as an attorney and as a person. It was also difficult for me, personally, to have a client lose physical custody of their children
- (d) Robert Tigges
- (e) Chief trial counsel. I was assisted by an associate in my office – Van Everett.
- (f) February 2016 until July 2016
- (g) As outlined above, physical custody of the children was modified from my client to his former wife.
- (h) Van Everett, Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C., 699 Walnut Street, Suite 2000, Des Moines, IA 50309
- (i) J.D. Hartung
- (j) The Honorable Richard Clogg

Significant legal matter #3:

- (a) *Cheryl Stenzel v. Joel Stenzel*; Dallas County, Iowa; appeal to Iowa Court of Appeals⁴
- (b) Dissolution of marriage involving the division of property and debts and spousal support
- (c) The appellate court’s decision focused on how a trial court is to arrive at a spousal support amount, using the parties’ projected expenses and anticipated incomes. As requested by my client, the trial court used my client’s projected monthly expenses in determining the spousal support award to her and focused on what the parties were reasonably expected to earn post-divorce. Dr. Stenzel objected to this approach, instead arguing that Ms. Stenzel should not share in the increase in his income following the parties’ physical separation. He also argued that support also be predicated only the lifestyle the parties had during the marriage. The appellate court adopted my client’s position.
- (d) Cheryl Stenzel
- (e) Chief trial counsel
- (f) May of 2015 - February 2018
- (g) The Court of Appeals affirmed the division of property and debts, and the amount and length of spousal support awarded to my client.
- (h) Van Everett, Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C., 699 Walnut Street, Suite 2000, Des Moines, Iowa 50309 assisted me with the appeal
- (i) James Blackburn
- (j) The Honorable Randy Hefner

25. Have you served as a judicial officer in any state? (Yes / No): If “No” – skip to # 26.

a. If “Yes” - provide the following information: (Use “Tab” in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Judicial title	County or District	Types of cases within your jurisdiction

b. If you have been a judicial officer in **Iowa** during the previous **five years**:

(1) How many times did you **fail** to file the monthly Rule 22.10 reports by the report deadline?

(2) During the past **five years**, how many **cases** did you list on your Rule 22.10 reports that were more than the following number of days old from the time they were submitted for a ruling?

	120 days old	180 days old	240 days old	One year old
# of cases more than:				

⁴ This decision will be reported in the Northwestern Reporter.

26. If you are **currently** an officer, director, partner, sole proprietor, or otherwise engaged in the **management of any business enterprise or nonprofit organization** other than a law practice, provide the following information about your position(s) and title(s): (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

No.

Name of business / organization	Your title	Your duties	Dates (From -- To)

27. List all county, state, and national **bar association and professional organization memberships** and the years you have been a member of each (e.g., 1998 to present), and identify any committees on which you have served and offices you have held in those organization(s) - and the titles and dates of any offices you have held. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Professional associations to which you have belonged	Committees / Offices	Dates (From -- To)
American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers	Served on spousal support and professionalism committees	February 2015 - current
National Board of Trial Advocacy – certified in family law	Member	September 2017 - current
American Bar Association	Member	June 1996 - current
Judicial Nominating Commission	Member	January 2013 – current
Iowa State Bar Association	Board of Governors	June 2011 - June 2017
Iowa State Bar Association	Bench/Bar Committee	2008, 2012-2018
Iowa State Bar Association	Access to Justice Committee; served as committee chair 2015-2016	2014-2016
Iowa State Bar Association	Women & Minorities Committee	2001-2003
Iowa State Bar Association – Young Lawyers Division	Women & Minorities Committee	1998-2000
Iowa State Bar Association	Family Law Section Council	1998-2001
Iowa Organization of Women Attorneys	Member	1996-current; (Served as president 2002-2003)
Polk County Bar Association	President	May 2012-May

		2013
Polk County Bar Association	Ethic Committee – member	2002-2005
Polk County Bar Association	Family Law Committee -member	1996-current
Polk County Bar Association	Mediation Committee	Ad hoc
Polk County Bar Association	Bench/Bar Committee	2016-current
Polk County Bar Association	Social Committee	2014-2016
Polk County Bar Association	People’s Law School Planning Committee	2004-2006
Polk County Bar Association – Volunteer Lawyers Project	Board member & President	1997-2008; (President 2003 - 2008)
Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C.	Executive Committee Member	2010-2016
Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C.	Family Law Practice Group	1996-current; (Chair-2016 to current)
Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C.	Professional Recruitment Committee	2016-current; 2007-2010 (Chair 2008-2009)
Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C.	Associate Professional Development Committee	2006-2008 (Chair 2006-2007)
Drake Law School Board of Counselors	Board member; served as President 2003-2004	2001-2005
Polk County Women Attorneys	Member; served as President 1999-2000	1996-current;

28. List all local, county, state, and national government (including but not limited to judicial branch) **commissions, task forces, or advisory committees** on which you have served - and any titles (e.g., chair) you have held on such commissions or committees. (Use “Tab” in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Government commissions, task forces, etc. on which you served
June 20016-current	Iowa Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission – Vice-chair; member Veterans and Corporate Involvement work groups
January 2015-current	Iowa Supreme Court Family Law Case Processing Task Force – member of steering committee and spousal support Guidelines work group.
February 2014-current	District 5C Judicial Nominating Commission
2006-2011	Member of Iowa Supreme Court Grievance Commission

29. Describe your **pro bono** work during the past **10 years**:

a. Approximate number of pro bono cases you've handled:	100 (including family law mediations)
b. Average number of hours of pro bono service per year:	40
c. Types of pro bono cases:	Family law

30. List any **employment outside of the legal profession** that you have had since graduating from law school that may be relevant to this application; include: (a) the dates, (b) organization or business for whom you worked, and (c) duties you performed. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

None

Dates (From -- To)	Business / Organization Name, City, State	Your Duties

31. Have you ever held **public office** or have you ever been a candidate for public office? If the answer is "yes," describe the public office held or sought, the location of the public office, and the dates. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

I have not held public office.

Dates (From -- To)	Public office(s): Indicate "Held" or "Sought" and Location

32. Provide the following information on your **military service** (if any): (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

I have not served in the military.

Dates (From -- To)	Military branch	Current Rank	Location and dates of service in other countries	Current Status (Active/Inactive)
None				

33. List any **civic, charitable, religious, educational, social or fraternal organization(s)** to which you belong or provide volunteer services. Describe the nature of your involvement with the organization(s), including any offices you have held with the organization(s). (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Dates (From -- To)	Organization Name	Nature of your involvement
May 2018-current	Luther College Board of Regents	Member of Student Life and Audit committees.

March 2016-current	Kid's First	Visionary Committee for Des Moines office; current board member of Des Moines office
August 2017-current	Callanan Middle School Parent-Teacher Association	Co-president, May 2018 to current
August 2017-current	Callanan Middle School mock trial team	Co-coach
May 2013-May 2014	Downtown School Parent-Teacher Association	President
September 2009-current	St. John's Lutheran Church	Member – Youth Ministry Advisory Committee; Sunday School teacher
September 2002-May 2003	Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute	Graduate
May 2006-June 2008	Central Iowa Employment & Training Consortium	Board member
1999-2003	Mentor Iowa	Board member; President 2001-2003

34. List all the **social media applications** (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, LinkedIn) that you have used in the past **five years** and your account name or other identifying information (excluding passwords) for each account. (Use "Tab" in last row to add more rows.)

Social media application name	Account name or other identifying information
LinkedIn	Anjela Shutts

35. **References:** List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of at least **five persons** who are in a position to provide knowledgeable comments about your qualifications for this judicial position.

Name	Address	Telephone number
Tim Pearson	3231 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50317	515-266-6000
The Honorable Eliza Ovrorn, retired	500 Glenview Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312	515-255-8851
Bernard L. Spaeth	699 Walnut Street, Suite 2000, Des Moines, IA 50309	515-288-6041
The Honorable Brent Appel	Iowa Judicial Branch Building, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309	515-348-4700
The Honorable Michael Huppert	Polk County Courthouse, 500 Mulberry Street, Des Moines, IA 50309	515-286-3125


36. Provide any **additional information** that may reflect positively on you or which you believe would assist the State Judicial Nominating Commission in selecting nominees for this position.

In January 2000, I became trained as a family law mediator. I have attended forty hours of training, as well as additional hours of continuing education. In June of 2005, I became trained in Collaborative Family Law.

37. When you submit this **application** form, attach at least **two writing samples** (e.g., brief, opinion, or book) that reflect your personal work. Note: **Do not** submit a writing sample that includes confidential information about you or any other person unless you remove / redact the confidential information to obscure the identity of the parties and any information that may allow disclosure of the parties' identity.

38. **Certification.** I certify under penalty of perjury and pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa that the information I have provided above is true and correct.

Applicant's signature:


AT0007325
June 24, 2018

Attorney PIN:

Date: