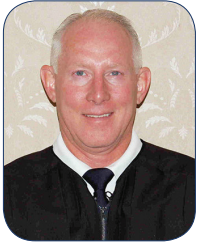




Judicial Biographies - Districts 1B, 2A & 2B

District Associate Judge James D. Coil



Judge Coil, Cedar Falls, was appointed to the bench in 1986. Born in Des Moines, Iowa, he received his bachelor’s degree from Simpson College in 1973 and his law degree from Creighton University School of Law in 1977. Judge Coil served in the Iowa Air National Guard from 1970 to 1978. After graduating, he worked as special prosecutor in Judicial District 1B and in 1979 worked as assistant Black Hawk County attorney. Judge Coil went into private practice from 1983 until his appointment to the bench. He is a member of the Black Hawk County and Iowa State Bar Associations, along with the Iowa Judges Association.

Associate Juvenile Judge Alan D. Allbee



Judge Allbee, West Union, was appointed to the bench in 1990. He was born in West Union, Iowa, and attended the University of Iowa for both undergraduate and law school. He graduated from law school in 1977. He spent 12 years in private practice but also worked as an assistant county attorney, city attorney, and part-time juvenile referee. Judge Allbee is a member of the Iowa Judges Association Juvenile Court Committee, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the juvenile and family law section of The Iowa Bar State Association.

Associate Juvenile Judge Daniel L. Block



Judge Block, Cedar Falls, was appointed to the bench in 1997. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa in 1985. In 1989 he graduated from Creighton University School of Law and began his law career serving as assistant Black Hawk county attorney from 1990–1996. He was in private practice from 1996 until his appointment to the bench. Judge Block is a member of the Black Hawk County Bar Association and the Iowa Judges Association. Judge Block also is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Northern Iowa.

He is married and has three children.

District 2A

District Associate Judge Peter B. Newell

Judge Newell, Waverly, was appointed to the bench in 1995. Born in Yale, Michigan, he received his bachelor’s degree from Western Illinois University in 1984. He attended Drake University Law School and graduated in 1987. Judge Newell is a member of the 2A and Iowa State Bar Associations.

District 2B

District Judge Thomas J. Bice



Judge Bice, Fort Dodge, was appointed to the bench in November of 2008. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Iowa in 1969. He graduated Order of the Coif from Drake University Law School in 1972. Judge Bice was in private practice for 36 years prior to his appointment. Judge Bice is the past Chair of the Iowa Board of Law Examiners (2004-2008) and currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the National Conference of Bar Examiners. He is a Lifetime Fellow of the Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers and a Judicial Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a member of The Iowa State Bar Association and Past President of the Webster County Bar Association.



Judicial Performance Review Results

District 2A

<p>5 - Excellent (performance is outstanding)</p> <p>4 - Good (performance is above average)</p> <p>3 - Satisfactory (performance is adequate)</p> <p>2 - Deficient (performance is below average)</p> <p>1 - Very Poor (performance is well below average and unacceptable)</p>	Peter Newell
Knowledge and application of the law	4.09
Perception of factual issues	4.20
Punctuality for court proceedings	4.60
Attentiveness to arguments and testimony	4.29
Management and control of the courtroom	4.50
Temperament and demeanor	4.17
Clarity and quality of written opinions	4.23
Promptness of rulings and decisions	4.48
<p>5 - Strongly Agree</p> <p>4 - Agree</p> <p>3 - Neither</p> <p>2 - Disagree</p> <p>1 - Strongly Disagree</p>	
Avoids undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges and lawyers from bench or in written opinions.	4.36
Decides cases on basis of applicable law and fact, not affected by outside influence.	4.22
Is courteous and patient with litigants, lawyers and court personnel.	4.31
Treats people equally regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or disability.	4.55
Retention percentage	87
Number of respondents	89