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Iowa was organized as a single-district in 1845, the year before its admission into the Union.¹ The state was divided into the Northern and Southern Districts in 1882² with one district judgeship each.

IA.SD.01 is the original judgeship (see Judge Dwyer's succession line), and served the entire state until reorganization in 1882. IA.SD.02 was authorized as a temporary line, with the customary proviso that the next vacancy to occur on the court would go unfilled. In 1931, Judge Wade (IA.SD.01) died, thereby eliminating the original seat and making IA.SD.02 the permanent line. IA.ND.02, created in 1961 to serve both districts, was lodged exclusively in the Northern District in 1990.³

Iowa is in the Eighth Circuit and has five judgeships, two in the Northern District and three in the Southern.

| Statutory History | | |
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| <i>Seat</i> | <i>Legislation</i> | <i>Authority</i> |
| IA.ND.01 | Act of July 20, 1882 | 22 STAT. 172 |
| IA.ND.02 | Act of May 19, 1961 | 75 STAT. 80 |
| IA.SD.01 | Act of March 3, 1845 | 5 STAT. 789 |
| IA.SD.02 | Act of January 19, 1928 | 45 STAT. 52 |
| IA.SD.03 | Act of October 20, 1978 | 92 STAT. 1629 |
| IA.SD.04 | Act of December 1, 1990 | 104 STAT. 5089 |

¹Act of March 3, 1845, 5 STAT. 789.

²Act of July 20, 1882, 22 STAT. 172. See Frank J. Margolin, *History of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa, 1882-1987* (Cedar Rapids, IA: Northern District of Iowa Branch of the Eighth Circuit Historical Society, 1987) for details of these developments.

³Act of December 1, 1990, 104 STAT. 5089.

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| <i>Position #</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Date of Confirmation</i> | <i>Date of Departure</i> | <i>Reason</i> | <i>Party</i> |
| IA.ND.01.01 | Shiras, Oliver Perry | August 4, 1882 | November 1, 1903 | Retired | Republican |
| IA.ND.01.02 | Reed, Henry Thomas | March 7, 1904 | December 1, 1921 | Retired | Republican |
| IA.ND.01.03 | Scott, George Cromwell | February 21, 1922 | November 1, 1943 | Retired | Republican |
| IA.ND.01.04 | Graven, Henry Norman | March 21, 1944 | August 31, 1961 | Retired | Democrat |
| IA.ND.01.05 | McManus, Edward J. | July 13, 1962 | February 9, 1985 | Retired | Democrat |
| IA.ND.01.06 | Hansen, David Rasmussen | March 3, 1986 | November 15, 1991 | Elevated to Eighth Circuit | Republican |
| IA.ND.01.07 | Melloy, Michael Joseph | August 12, 1992 | February 26, 2002 | Elevated to Eighth Circuit | Republican |
| IA.ND.01.08 | Reade, Linda R. ⁴ | November 14, 2002 | Active | Active | Republican |
| IA.ND.02.01 | Hanson, William C. | July 13, 1962 | August 15, 1977 | Retired | Republican |
| IA.ND.02.02 | O'Brien, Donald E. | October 4, 1978 | December 30, 1992 | Retired | Democrat |
| IA.ND.02.03 | Bennett, Mark Warren | August 9, 1994 | Active | Active | Democrat |
| IA.SD.01.01 | Dyer, John James | March 3, 1847 | September 14, 1855 | Deceased | Democrat |

⁴First female district judge appointed from Iowa.

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| IA.SD.01.02 | Love, James M. | February 25, 1856 ⁵ | July 2, 1891 | Deceased | Democrat |
| IA.SD.01.03 | Woolson, John Simson | January 11, 1892 ⁶ | December 4, 1899 | Deceased | Republican |
| IA.SD.01.04 | McPherson, Smith | May 7, 1900 | January 17, 1915 | Deceased | Republican |
| IA.SD.01.05 | Wade, Martin Joseph | March 3, 1915 | April 16, 1931 | Deceased | Democrat |
| IA.SD.02.01 | Dewey, Charles Almon | January 31, 1928 | March 1, 1949 | Retired | Republican |
| IA.SD.02.02 | Switzer, Carroll | Unconfirmed recess appointment ⁷ | December 26, 1950 | Not confirmed | Democrat |
| IA.SD.02.03 | Riley, William F. | December 14, 1950 | December 29, 1956 | Deceased | Democrat |
| IA.SD.02.04 | Hicklin, Edwin R. | August 15, 1957 | January 27, 1960 | Retired | Republican |
| IA.SD.02.05 | Stephenson, Roy Laverne | May 26, 1960 | June 22, 1971 | Elevated to Eighth Circuit | Republican |
| IA.SD.02.06 | Stuart, William C. | October 28, 1971 | April 30, 1986 | Retired | Republican |
| IA.SD.02.07 | Wolle, Charles R. | August 5, 1987 | October 16, 2001 | Retired | Republican |
| IA.SD.02.08 | Gritzner, James E. | February 14, 2002 | Active | Active | Republican |

⁵Recess appointment, October 5, 1855.

⁶Recess appointment, August 14, 1891.

⁷Recess appointment, October 21, 1949.

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| IA.SD.03.01 | Vietor, Harold D. | May 10, 1979 | December 29, 1996 | Retired | Democrat |
| IA.SD.03.02 | Pratt, Robert W. | May 23, 1997 | Active | Active | Democrat |
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| IA.SD.04.01 | Longstaff, Ronald Earl | October 31, 1991 | November 5, 2006 | Retired | Republican |
| IA.SD.04.02 | Vacant | | | | |