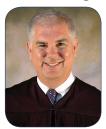
# Judicial Biographies - Districts 1A & 1B



## District 1A

#### District Judge Michael J. Shubatt



Judge Shubatt, Dubuque, was appointed to the bench in 2008. He attended the University of Iowa, where he received his undergraduate degree in 1987 and his law degree with distinction in 1990. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was in private practice in Dubuque and served clients for 18 years as a general practitioner with an emphasis in civil litigation and trial work. Judge Shubatt practiced in the state and federal courts of Iowa and Illinois, as well as the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the Dubuque County, Iowa State, and American Bar Associations. Judge Shubatt is a past president of

the Iowa Judges Association and currently serves the ABA's National Conference of State Trial Judges as a delegate and executive committee member. He also is the presiding judge of the Dubuque and Delaware County Drug Courts.

He is married and has four children.

### District 1B

#### **District Judge Linda Fangman**



Judge Fangman, Waterloo, was appointed to the bench in 2015. She received her undergraduate degree from St. Ambrose University in 1992 and her law degree from Drake University Law School in 1995. Before being appointed to the bench, Judge Fangman served as Assistant Marshall County Attorney and Assistant Black Hawk County Attorney, and she was appointed Black Hawk County Attorney in July 2015. Judge Fangman is a member of the Black Hawk County Bar Association and American Bar Association. She serves on the lowa Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure.

#### **District Judge David P. Odekirk**



Judge Odekirk, Waterloo, was appointed to the bench in 2015. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in 1989 and his law degree from the same institution in 1993. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Odekirk was in private practice from 1995 until 2015. He is a member of the Black Hawk County Bar Association, The Iowa State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

#### **District Judge George Stigler**

Judge Stigler, Waterloo, was appointed to the bench in 1978. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and his law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law.

#### **District Judge Richard D. Stochl**



Judge Stochl, New Hampton, was appointed to the bench in 2007. He graduated summa cum laude from Western Illinois University in 1986. He obtained his law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1989. Prior to his appointment to the bench he was a partner in a northeast Iowa firm for over 18 years. Judge Stochl is a member of the Iowa and Minnesota State Bar Associations, the Iowa Judges Association, and the Chickasaw County Bar Association.

He and his wife Kathy have three sons.



# Judicial Performance Review Results

District 1A	
<ul> <li>5 - Excellent (performance is outstanding)</li> <li>4 - Good (performance is above average)</li> <li>3 - Satisfactory (performance is adequate)</li> <li>2 - Deficient (performance is below average)</li> <li>1 - Very Poor (performance is well below average and unacceptable)</li> </ul>	Michael Shubatt
Knowledge and application of the law	4.42
Perception of factual issues	4.37
Punctuality for court proceedings	4.42
Attentiveness to arguments and testimony	4.34
Management and control of the courtroom	4.47
Temperament and demeanor	4.45
Clarity and quality of written opinions	4.41
Promptness of rulings and decisions	4.27
<ul> <li>5 - Strongly Agree</li> <li>4 - Agree</li> <li>3 - Neither</li> <li>2 - Disagree</li> <li>1 - Strongly Disagree</li> </ul>	
Avoids undue personal observations or criticisms of litigants, judges and lawyers from bench or in written opinions.	4.45
Decides cases on basis of applicable law and fact, not affected by outside influence.	4.46
Is courteous and patient with litigants, lawyers and court personnel.	4.47
Treats people equally regardless of race, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or disability.	4.53
Retention percentage	98
Number of respondents	101