

THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA

SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
SCOTT COUNTY COURTHOUSE
DAVENPORT, IOWA 52801



JOHN G. MULLEN
DISTRICT ASSOCIATE JUDGE

August 21, 2006

Mr. Daniel Dlouhy
Iowans Concerned About Judges
734 12th Street, Apartment #3
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Dear Mr. Dlouhy:

This is my response to your questionnaire. To answer your questionnaire is inappropriate. We expect judges to be independent, even handed, fair minded, and to make decisions without bias or prejudice. You ask me to declare bias on very important current issues. I am aware of the various arguments, counterarguments, and position statements made by various persons and groups on all sides of these issues. I, myself, have not made any decision. I believe it's important for a judge to keep an open mind. I, therefore, have no decision to give you. In essence, you ask for an advisory opinion from me as a judge. Judges do not give advisory opinions. I have before me no case in controversy. I have received and considered no evidence. I have reviewed no briefs or considered legal arguments from the attorneys. I have done no research myself. I have no opinion. To announce an opinion, I become an advocate on one side or the other of these issues. Judges are not advocates. I am not a proponent or opponent of any side to any of these issues.

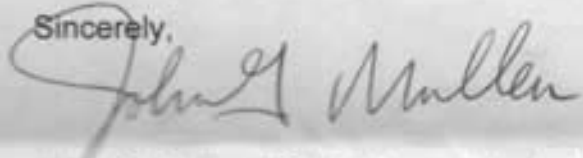
My biography is available through the State Court Administrator and is also on the Supreme Court Web site. In addition to the biography, I can tell you that I am a trial judge of almost 20 years' experience. In Scott County, I am assigned primarily to the Juvenile Court. I am a District Associate Judge, which means I am a judge of general, but limited, jurisdiction. When I am assigned to other counties, I do a great deal of criminal work and some civil work as well. I have presided over approximately 50 jury trials over the years. My wife and I have been married 35 years. Except for the four years we were in college and the seven years we lived in Des Moines, we have lived in the Quad City area since we were children.

I am a member of no social or community organizations, and it has been many years since I have been. In the first five years of my judicial career, I coached Dad's Club softball. I gave that up when I found there were too many conflicts. I currently am a member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Iowa and Scott County Bar Associations, the Iowa Judges Association, and the Dillon Inn of Court. My interests include reading, music of all kinds, gardening, building things with my hands, playing cards and other games, and watching spectator sports. I like to play a little golf, but I am not very good at it.

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Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John G. Mullen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

John G. Mullen, District Associate Judge
Seventh Judicial District

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