

DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA

*Judge Steven J. Oeth
District Associate Judge
Boone-Hamilton-Wright Counties*

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September 5, 2006

Mr. Daniel Diouhy
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Dear Mr. Diouhy:

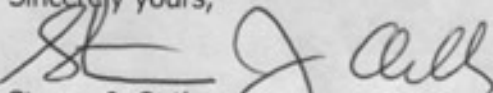
I am in receipt of your 2006 Judicial Voters Guide Questionnaire. I choose to provide this letter in response to the Questionnaire.

I am a District Associate Judge for the Second Judicial District. As such, I spend most of my time handling criminal cases at the Class D Felony level or lower. I also handle civil cases when the amount in controversy does not exceed \$10,000.

As a Judge appointed since June 1, 1997, none of the topics on your questionnaire have come before me. In my view, your questionnaire does not seek information that reflects on my ability to serve as a Judge. That information has been sought by the Iowa Bar Association in its Plebiscite submitted to lawyers who appear in my Court. The results of the Plebiscite will be made available to the public. I encourage you to review that information as you consider whether I and other Judges should be retained in the November 2006 election.

As a Judge, I have pledged to maintain ethical conduct and to follow the law as passed by the legislative branches of government and as interpreted by the appellate courts. I will continue to act this way to the best of my ability. It is my hope that this type of action will promote trust and confidence in the independence of the judiciary.

Sincerely yours,


Steven J. Oeth
District Associate Judge

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