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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter and questionnaire sent to Iowa Judges.

My title is District Associate Judge and I typically handle all initial appearances in criminal cases on a daily basis and then the follow up pre-trial conferences, motions and trials. My jurisdiction is limited to all levels of misdemeanors and also Class D felony cases.

I cannot recall in over 30 years on the bench of ever having to decide a case involving the issues you raise in your questionnaire.

My goal today continues, consistent with the oath of office I took in 1975, to uphold and support the constitution of the State of Iowa and the constitution of the United States of America. My role is to enforce the law. It is my goal to maintain a high standard of ethical conduct so that public trust and confidence in the judiciary continues.

My spare time is taken up with family, various civic activities, and my local church. I serve on the board of a local homeless shelter. I continue my membership in the Rotary Club and also pursue activities with my local church.

I am enclosing some biographical information, which is also available on the web site for the Iowa Judiciary.

Yours truly,

Arlen Van Zee
Arlen J. Van Zee, Judge

District Associate Judge, Arlen J. Van Zee: District 7

Judge Van Zee was appointed to the bench in 1975. He earned his bachelor's degree from Central College in Pella, Iowa, in 1970. He earned his law degree from the University of Iowa, College of Law, graduating with Distinction in 1973. He is a member of the Clinton County Bar Association, Iowa State Bar Association, and Iowa Judges Association. He serves on the Juvenile Laws Committee in the Judges Association and also the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Juvenile Procedure. He is married with three children and five grandchildren.