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Hometowns Program, St. Louis, MO 2023
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Upcoming Events

CRST v. EEOC: A Dialogue About Lessons Learned Over 20 Years

Join us for a discussion of the landmark case *CRST Van Expedited, Inc. v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*, 578 U.S. 419 (2016), first filed as a sex discrimination class action by the EEOC against the Cedar Rapids-based trucking company in the Northern District of Iowa (Judge Linda Reade presiding). The litigation lasted over 20 years and involved many District Court decisions, three 8th Circuit published decisions, and a 2016 unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision affirming the NDIA District Court and reversing the 8th Circuit, holding a favorable ruling on the merits was not necessary in order to find CRST was a prevailing party and entitled to millions in attorneys' fees under Title VII's fee-shifting law.

Moderated by Chief Judge C.J. Williams, you will hear about all aspects of this complex litigation from panelists Judge Linda Reade, Kevin Visser (lead counsel for CRST), and Tim Vavricek (Judge Reade's former law clerk who helped manage the case). Participants will be given a behind-the-scenes look into complicated case management strategies, including handling dozens of depositions, multiple dispositive motions, practice before the highest appellate courts, effective communication with the Court through filings and hearings, and perseverance over set-backs.

10/1/26, 12-1:30 PM LIVE at the Cedar Rapids Federal Courthouse (lunch served) and via ISBA webinar. CLE credits approved for 1.5 hours. Registration is free. Sign up [here](#).

Co-sponsored by the Northern District of Iowa Historical Society and the Iowa State Bar Association.

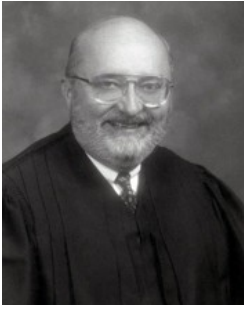
The Supreme Court and My Hometown

In collaboration with the Supreme Court Historical Society, both the Northern and Southern District of Iowa Historical Societies are honored to host "The Supreme Court and My Hometown" program, starting Summer 2027.

The Supreme Court and My Hometown is an immersive, in-person civics education program for high school students designed to make the Supreme Court more accessible. Each program is sponsored and supported by the local federal court in partnership with the Supreme Court Historical Society. Goals for this program include providing an in-depth, experiential, and locally-related learning by studying the constitutional questions and procedural history of a Supreme Court case that originated in the students' hometown, and interaction with local government and community through educational experiences with judges, attorneys, professors, and historians.

The Northern and Southern District's program will highlight the landmark case *Brewer v. Williams*, 430 U.S. 387 (1977), arising through the Southern District of Iowa, and based on the famous "Christian Burial Speech" where a detective transporting the defendant Williams had told Williams (arraigned for child abduction) that the girl's parents deserved to give her a "Christian burial" before the falling snow covered her body. Hearing this, Williams directed police to the body, where he would later be charged with first-degree murder. The U.S. Supreme Court reversed Williams' conviction, holding that the Sixth Amendment right to counsel prohibits police from deliberately eliciting incriminating statements from a defendant after judicial proceedings have begun, unless the government proves a valid waiver.

This program will start with a teacher training in Summer 2027 (June 29 in Cedar Rapids), and the Northern District will host the week-long student program June 18-22, 2029. Look for more information on this soon.



Judge David R. Hansen

David R. Hansen was born in Exira, Iowa, in 1938. He received his BA, with highest honors, from Northwest Missouri State University in 1960, with a triple major in history, economics, and social science. Thereafter, he served for three years as an aide to Congressman Ben F. Jensen. He earned his JD with honors from George Washington University Law School in 1963.

Judge Hansen began practicing law in Atlantic, Iowa, but in 1964, he was ordered to active duty with the United States Army and spent the next four years trying general courts martial in the Judge Advocate General's Corps and serving as a post judge advocate, rising to the rank of captain. Following his military service, in 1968 he moved to Iowa Falls and re-entered private practice. His first judicial office was as police court judge for Iowa Falls, from 1969 to 1973. In 1976, Governor Robert Ray appointed Judge Hansen as an Iowa district court judge for the Second Judicial District.

In 1986, after a nomination by President Ronald W. Reagan, Judge Hansen began service as a District Court Judge for the Northern District of Iowa. Among the many cases he presided over was a high-profile case involving three prominent Cedar Rapids businessmen for involvement in a drug conspiracy. After serving six and one-half years as a United States District Judge, President George H.W. Bush nominated Judge Hansen to be a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He took the oath of office November 26, 1991. Judge Hansen served as Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit from February 1, 2002, until March 31, 2003. In addition to his daily duties, Judge Hansen also served on the Judicial Conference's Committee on the Judicial Branch for ten years, chairing the committee the last three. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court also appointed Judge Hansen to serve on the Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation, serving in that capacity from 2004-2011. Judge Hansen chose to move to inactive senior status in 2011.

Judge Hansen played a pivotal role in the design of two courthouses within the Eighth Circuit. The first courthouse, the Thomas F. Eagleton Courthouse in St. Louis, Missouri, opened September 11, 2000. The second was the United States Courthouse in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which opened on November 5, 2012. Judge Hansen was also pivotal in starting the local chapter of the American Inns of Court in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which in 2024 was unanimously renamed the Judge David R. Hansen American Inn of Court in his honor. Among Judge Hansen's former law clerks are eight judges, including two Justices of the Iowa Supreme Court, the Honorable Jane Kelly, a judge on the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Honorable Thad Collins, Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Iowa.

Waterloo Federal Courthouses

In April 1902, the city of Waterloo was informed that they were getting funds for a new government building. Construction on the new \$150,000 building began in 1904, with an anticipated completion in November 1905. The building was fully occupied by January 1906. Situated on the corner of West Park Avenue and Commercial Street, the white marble building drew influences from Roman-Doric architecture and included an elaborate carved ornamentation of an eagle and scroll above the main entrance. The Court was housed on the second floor of the building and the courtroom included golden oak finishings. The Court moved into a temporary building on Jefferson Street in 1937 so that the building could be razed to make way for a new, larger federal building.

Construction on the new federal building began in June 1937 and was completed by May 1938. The three-story structure was built of Mankato limestone and rests on a granite base. Once again, the court occupied the second floor of the building and included space for the United States Department of Justice as well as postal inspectors. In 1940, Edgar Britton was commissioned to paint two murals, "Holiday" and "Exposition." A student of Grant Wood in the 1920's, Britton's mural "Exposition" depicts preparation for a livestock showing in tribute to the National Dairy Cattle Congress exposition while his mural "Holiday" depicts a picnic scene. In November 1977, voters passed a bond issue to repurpose the building for a library and in 1981, the Waterloo Public Library became the current occupant of the building.



Waterloo, Iowa (1905)

Photo: National Archives, RG 121-C, Box 10, Folder B, Print 1 (1937)



Waterloo, Iowa (1938)

Photo: National Archives, RG 121-B5, Box 31, Folder EE (1938)

Retrospective on Shuttleworth & Ingersoll

Established in 1854, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C. has been a long-standing institution in the Eastern Iowa legal market. Like most firms with its storied tenure, however, it was known by many other names over the last 170 years. In the fashion of the times, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll was subject to a variety of name changes based on the names of its partners throughout its lifetime, before settling on Shuttleworth & Ingersoll in 1963. One of its earliest partners was Justice John M. Grimm, who served on the Iowa Supreme Court from February 1, 1929, until his resignation in September 15, 1932. Justice Grimm, alongside his partners Charles Wheeler and Owen Elliott, lent their names to the Grimm, Wheeler & Elliot firm beginning in about 1917. Mr. Elliott was a world traveler, and maintained a significant collection of jade art, which was donated to the Stanley Museum of Art after he passed. Described as a “force of nature” in the legal community, he lent his name and talents to the Shuttleworth firm for many years.



*The late William R. (Bill) Shuttleworth
Photo: Shuttleworth & Ingersoll*

Thereafter, the eponymous V. Craven Shuttleworth joined the firm, and it came to be known as Grimm, Wheeler, Elliott & Shuttleworth, soon to be known simply as Wheeler, Elliott & Shuttleworth. Craven Shuttleworth maintained both a business and litigation practice, and passed on his love of the legal profession to his son, William (Bill) Shuttleworth, who also practiced at the firm. The final piece of the nominative puzzle would fall into place when T.M. (“Ty”) Ingersoll joined the firm. Ty Ingersoll was famous for his homburg hat and big cigar, and distinguished himself as one of the preeminent tax lawyers in the state. He is remembered affectionately not only for his term as the president of the Iowa State Bar Association, but also for his love of extended vacations. By 1945, the firm was known as Elliott, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll. During these earlier days, some of the firm’s largest clients were railroad unions. Over the years, however,

Shuttleworth & Ingersoll has served a variety of clients, and its practice focus has shifted as well. For example, after developing a corporate practice in the early 1970s, the firm’s focus shifted back to primarily litigation following the departure of key attorneys (who would later return to practice at the firm). Since that time, the firm has expanded its practice areas to serve its clients, and remains one of the most prominent full-service law firms in the Eastern Iowa area.

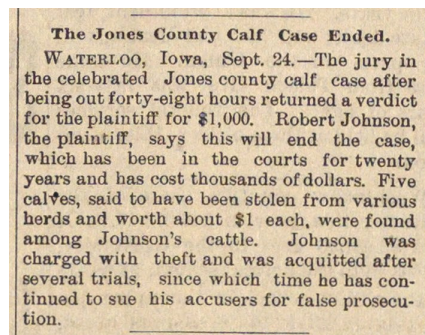
Alongside the shifting names by which the firm has been known, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll has called many offices home over its lifetime. Originally officing in Marion, Iowa, at its inception, the firm quickly moved to downtown Cedar Rapids to the then-American Bank & Trust building. The offices were moved into the Merchants National Bank building—now known as the U.S. Bank building—in downtown Cedar Rapids when it was built in 1925, where it maintained its footprint for nearly a century. Its most recent move in 2024 brought it to its current home, in the historic former Cedar Rapids Gazette building in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In the interim, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll expanded its geographic reach in Iowa to open offices in Coralville, Davenport, Waterloo, Grundy Center, and Nashua.

As with any law firm of its antiquity, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll has seen its share of not only internal change, but changes to the way that law is practiced as well. Long before monthly e-billing became the norm, invoices were sent to clients (sometimes annually) via the mail, for better or for worse. Whether it is more myth than fact, stories still circulate in the halls of the firm of someone paying a visit to a client on Christmas Eve to deliver a bill when mailed invoices were still the norm. Nevertheless, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll has strived to stay abreast of developments and shifts in the legal field—including, perhaps self-evidently, billing and business practices. Similarly, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll is proud to consider itself one of the first larger law firms in the area to hire a female attorney in Carroll Reasoner in the 1970s, and has maintained a strong bench of young, diverse talent since.



*Carroll Reasoner
Photo: University of Iowa*

Of course, a law firm is more than just its building or name. Shuttleworth & Ingersoll and its attorneys have been involved in several high-profile cases spanning throughout the firm's lifetime. One of its earliest partners, the previously-mentioned Charles Wheeler, litigated the infamous "Jones County Calf Case" in the early 1900s, which was actually comprised of three separate pieces of litigation that spanned approximately a quarter century. To use Mr. Wheeler's own words from a presentation to the Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Iowa State Bar Association in 1920, "the Jones County Calf Case has probably attained more notoriety than any other case ever tried in this State, because of the small amount involved, and because of the long litigation, and the great amount of costs, and all that sort of thing." Nevertheless, Mr. Wheeler, and by extension the firm, cemented itself early as a powerhouse of the Iowa legal community. That reputation would be reinforced time and time again, as Shuttleworth & Ingersoll's attorneys continued to develop the firm's reputation. Certainly of note is the firm's involvement in the case of *Cedar Rapids Community School District v. Garret F. ex rel. Charlene F.*, 526 U.S. 66 (1999). Attorney Douglas R. Oelshlaeger represented Garret F., a paralyzed student seeking accommodations under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"). The United States Supreme Court agreed with the Iowa District Court for the Northern District of Iowa, and the Eighth Circuit, that Garret was entitled to continuing nursing services during the school day under the statute, abrogating Second and Sixth Circuit law to the contrary.



Ann Arbor Argus, September 28, 1888
Photo: Ann Arbor District Library

More than mere litigants before the Courts, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll also has a long history of connections to the bench in Iowa. In addition to Justice Grimm, Justice James H. Carter worked for the firm before assuming an Iowa District Court Judge position in 1973, where he stayed until his appointment to the Iowa Court of Appeals in 1976. He remained in that position until 1982, when he was elevated to the Iowa Supreme Court. Similarly, Justice Dana Oxley practiced with Shuttleworth & Ingersoll for a year and half beginning in 2000, before leaving to clerk for Judge Hansen during his tenure on the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Justice Oxley rejoined the firm in 2011 until her appointment to the Iowa Supreme Court in 2020.

Shuttleworth & Ingersoll prides itself on its attorneys' involvement in the greater Eastern Iowa legal community. Many of its attorneys have served as president of the Iowa State Bar Association, the Linn County Bar Association, and the Iowa Trial Academy over the firm's lifetime. And, beyond that, the firm estimates that approximately 80% of its attorneys serve or have served on a local, state, or national board for various organizations. Proving itself to be more than its name, more than its physical offices, and more than any individual attorney, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll has cemented itself as one of the oldest and most storied firms in the Eastern Iowa market. Shuttleworth & Ingersoll remains committed to adapting with the rapidly changing legal landscape, and looks forward to serving its clients for many years into the future.

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