

Civil Law Update by Jeffrey Thompson, Iowa Solicitor General

1 Iowa Supreme Court 2017-2018 Term

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2 The Numbers

- ~ 102 Cases Decided
 - ~ COA 1000+
- ~ 93 Appeals
 - ~ 53% on "further review"
- ~ 9 Attorney Discipline

3 The Decisions

- ~ 102 Cases Decided
 - ~ 64 Unanimous
 - ~ 38 Divided
 - ~ 17 4-3 or 3-2

4 The Opinions

- ~ Total 160
- ~ Majority 102
- ~ Concurring 16
- ~ Dissent 42

5 The Authors

- ~ Total Mansfield (35)
- ~ Majority Mansfield (19)
- ~ Concur Appel (5)
- ~ Dissent Mansfield (13)

6 How Long.....?

- ~ Average 97 Days
- ~ Shortest 10 Days (Villa Magana)
- ~ Longest 288 Days (Watkins)

7 The Court

- ~ Voting Blocs [>90% agreement] (>95%)
 - ~ A [(Appel, Hecht) Wiggins]
 - ~ B [(Waterman, Mansfield) Zager]
- ~ Chief Justice Cady
 - ~ Swing Vote (15 of 17 4-3 or 3-2)
 - ~ 10 w/A, 4 w/B, 1 split (2 issues)
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8 The Iowa Constitution

- ~ PPH v. Reynolds
- ~ Baldwin v. City of Estherville

9 **Public Employees**" Walsh v. Wahlert" Ackerman v. State10 **Sexual Misconduct**" State v. Watkins" Bandstra v. Covenant Ref. Church11 **Employment Law**" Deeds v. City of Marion" Fenceroy v. Gelita USA12 **Practice Tips**" In re Detention of Tripp" In re Estate of Workman" Shams v. Hassan" Kinseth v. Weil-McLain13 14