

## Dana Minter

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**From:** Brenna Bird  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 1, 2023 1:52 PM  
**To:** Johanne Godwin; Casey Jones  
**Subject:** pbk

Make sure Dana gets all PBK reminders, not my account.

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**From:** Brenna Bird  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 1, 2023 12:14 PM  
**To:** Johanne Godwin; Dana Minter; Casey Jones  
**Subject:** calls

If anyone calls for me and it is not county attorney business, feel free to give them the phone number for the Iowa AG's office.

(515) 281-5164

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**From:** Brenna Bird  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 1, 2023 12:13 PM  
**To:** Brian Hoffman  
**Cc:** Dana Minter  
**Subject:** battery backup

Brian, the battery backup that goes with the CA workstation isn't working. It was beeping and giving a message that the battery needs to be replaced. Not a problem for me, just wanted you to know. I am in the office this afternoon finishing up the last few things  
Brenna

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**From:** Guthrie County Attorney  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 1, 2023 12:13 PM  
**To:** Austin Westermann  
**Cc:** Dana Minter  
**Subject:** RE: District 5 Administrative Orders for 2023

Austin, please add Dana Minter to your list. She is cc'ed.

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**From:** Austin Westermann <Austin.Westermann@iowacourts.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 28, 2022 1:10 PM  
**Subject:** Re: District 5 Administrative Orders for 2023

Hello,

Several District 5 Administrative Orders for 2023 have been amended and one new order has been created.

Copies of those orders are attached to this email for your convenience.

Thank you



### **Austin J. Westermann**

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**Dana Minter**

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**From:** Brenna Bird  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 27, 2022 3:16 PM  
**To:** Dana Minter  
**Cc:** Johanne Godwin; Casey Jones  
**Subject:** FW: Juvenile Filings Guidance Chart

Did you get this?

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**From:** Glick, Cindy [AG] <Cindy.Glick@ag.iowa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 22, 2022 4:01 PM  
**Subject:** Juvenile Filings Guidance Chart

To: All County Attorneys and Juvenile Justice Committee  
From: Jessica Reynolds  
Subject: Juvenile Filings Guidance Chart

Greetings,

In order to provide filers with some guidance in light of the Iowa Supreme Court's recent new court rule requiring that social records be filed using the corresponding EDMS document types (Iowa Rule of Electronic Procedure 16.805), the Iowa Judicial Branch has created a chart that includes common types of filings in juvenile cases and provides guidance on whether the filing is a social record or proposed exhibit, the document security level of the document once it has been filed, and the appropriate EDMS document type to use when filing the document. A brief summary of the rule, document labeling recommendations, and the current version of the chart may be found at <https://www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/juvenile-court/juvenile-filings-guidance/>.

The chart may be updated from time to time, so filers are encouraged to revisit the website.

Respectfully,



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**From:** Brenna Bird  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 22, 2022 9:42 PM  
**To:** Dana Minter  
**Subject:** Fwd: Juvenile Filings Guidance Chart

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**From:** Glick, Cindy [AG] <Cindy.Glick@ag.iowa.gov>  
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**Subject:** Juvenile Filings Guidance Chart

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**From:** Brenna Bird  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 22, 2022 6:00 AM  
**To:** Johanne Godwin; c.jones@guthriecounty.hov  
**Subject:** Fwd: Swearing in of newly elected County Officials

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**From:** Danielle Fink <d.fink@guthriecounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 21, 2022 8:15:34 AM  
**Subject:** Swearing in of newly elected County Officials

If interested, the newly Elected County Officials for the offices of County Supervisor, County Attorney, County Treasurer and County Recorder will be sworn in on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the Courtroom at the Guthrie County Courthouse.

Anyone is welcome to attend if they wish.

Thank you,

*Dani Fink*

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 21, 2022 4:20 PM  
**To:** Glick, Cindy [AG]  
**Subject:** Re: Peg Bowman's Obituary :(

Can ICAA send flowers?

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**From:** Glick, Cindy [AG] <Cindy.Glick@ag.iowa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 21, 2022 10:17:07 AM  
**Subject:** Peg Bowman's Obituary :(

I am so very sorry to be sharing this with all of you this way 😞 Peg's cancer came back apparently with a vengeance. Let me know if you have any questions. Unfortunately with the incoming weather and holidays, it will be very difficult for any of us to attend the services.

## PEGGY BOWMAN OBITUARY

Peggy Lea Bowman, 69, of Redfield, joined God's Kingdom on December 17, 2022, after a courageous battle with Lung Cancer. Born in Fairfax, MO, September 23, 1953, to Geraldine Reva Allen and William Keith Smith, she grew up in Linden, Iowa and St. Joseph, Missouri, before moving to Iowa and graduating from Adel-DeSoto high school in 1971.

Peg gave birth to Amber Diane in 1977 and Trevor James in 1979. In 1983, she married Doug Baker and moved to Redfield, Iowa. She was also Step-Mother to Scot Michael Baker, from Doug's first marriage. It should be noted that she worked for Dr. Anthony Pakiam in her 20's and took with her countless life lessons that he and his wife, Jen, shared with her. Later on, she worked for the Dallas County Attorney, in Redfield and Adel, for many years and eventually worked in the Attorney General's Office in Des Moines, as an Administrative Assistant for the Prosecuting Attorney's Training Council where she retired in December 2017. She enjoyed meeting all of the county attorneys and attending the annual training conference every June in Arnold's Park,

Iowa, and staying at the Fillenwarth Rcsort.

In 2009, after 10 years of courtship, she wed Darrell Morris Bowman. They made their home in Redfield in their beloved 1915 Craftsman house. The two of them traveled together, worked on home improvements and their rental homes. It was a team effort that continued throughout their relationship. They also enjoyed spending time with friends and family and attending Iowa State sporting events.

Peg had an uncanny ability to make friends wherever she went. She became friends with her hair stylist, Jen, her nail stylist, Dede, her Dr., Nellie, the owner of her favorite boutique, Serena, and so many more. She enjoyed gardening, working on her doll house, making Pysanki eggs, camping, cooking, the Kansas City Chiefs, and all of her Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, most recently her dear puppy Nellie B. She hosted family Christmas every year on Christmas Day and loved to sit outside during the warmer months.

She was a member of the Redfield Christian Church and it was there that she grew her faith in Jesus Christ. Her faith was very important to her and she liked to talk about scriptures with family and friends. Earlier in her life, she was also a member of the Redfield EMT unit, taught Sunday School at the Redfield Methodist Church and was a member of the Redfield Jaycees.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law, Charlie Ellis. Survivors include husband; Darrell Bowman of Redfield, children Amber Baker of Redfield and Trevor Baker of Redfield; sister Pam Ellis of Redfield, brother Pat Hale of Craig, Missouri; nieces Laurie (Larry Jo) Allsup of Menlo, Stacey (Brian) Shannon of Redfield and Shelly Ellis (Doug) of Fontanelle, and many great nieces and nephew and grandpets whom she loved very much.

The family would like to thank the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Mission Cancer + Blood of Des Moines and Mercy One in Des Moines for their time, kindness, candor and expertise in helping our mother, wife and aunt with the most challenging journey of her life.

Memorials maybe directed to the Redfield Christian Church or Cavalier



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**From:** Brenna Bird  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 21, 2022 4:18 PM  
**To:** Casey Jones  
**Cc:** Dana Minter; Johanne Godwin  
**Subject:** Re: Today/tomorrow

Yes

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**From:** Casey Jones <c.jones@guthriecounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 21, 2022 12:31:54 PM  
**To:** Brenna Bird <b.bird@guthriecounty.gov>  
**Cc:** Dana Minter <d.minter@guthriecounty.gov>; Johanne Godwin <j.godwin@guthriecounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Today/tomorrow

Hi Brenna,

I have already spoken to Dana and Jo about this, but also wanted to make sure I was involving you as well. Daycare just let us know that they will be closed tomorrow, and I don't believe I can work and watch a 2 year old. So I was planning to go to my parents tonight (they live about an hour away) so that they could watch Parker while I work. Shane just called and said the roads are starting to get bad, so I talked with Jo and Dana, and they thought it would be ok if I left this afternoon early to get to my parents. That way when I get there, I can finish my workday to get to my 8 hours, and then they will be able to help with my daughter tomorrow. I hope this is ok with you, I just wanted to keep you in the loop.

Thanks and have a Merry Christmas!

**Casey Jones**  
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**From:** Brenna Bird  
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**To:** samlangholz@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: 4.22.22 meeting with AG and DHS Folks

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**From:** Heeren, Lance <Lance.Heeren@linncountyiowa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2022 5:15:15 PM  
**To:** Brenna Bird <b.bird@guthriecounty.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: 4.22.22 meeting with AG and DHS Folks

My court schedule is fairly light this week, so I can be at my office phone at the below "windows." 319-892-6334. An email with a time and day Sam is likely to call would be great.

Tuesday, 12/20: Available 9 a.m. to noon; 1:30 to 2:30, and after 4:00

Wednesday, 12/21: Available 10:30 to 5:00.

Thursday, 12/22: Available 8:30 to 10 a.m., and 2:00 pm to 5:00.



**LANCE J. HEEREN**

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**Juvenile Division**

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**From:** Brenna Bird <b.bird@guthriecounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2022 4:55 PM  
**To:** Heeren, Lance <Lance.Heeren@linncountyiowa.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: 4.22.22 meeting with AG and DHS Folks

Sounds good. It might make sense for Sam to have a call with you (or you and Tina) asap and then a meeting with the larger group in January. We love in person meetings because that is where the best communication takes place.

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**From:** Heeren, Lance <[Lance.Heeren@linncountyiowa.gov](mailto:Lance.Heeren@linncountyiowa.gov)>  
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**To:** Brenna Bird <[b.bird@guthriecounty.gov](mailto:b.bird@guthriecounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: 4.22.22 meeting with AG and DHS Folks

Brenna: Congratulations on your election victory! I welcome the opportunity to talk to Sam about county attorney/DHS/child protection issues. Thank you. I am wondering if you would like to include Tina Meth-Farrington in the discussion, who continues to chair the ICAA Juvenile Justice Committee? She can certainly speak for a larger group of ICAA members/county attorneys. The Juvie Justice Committee typically meets in January or February, which might provide a good forum for the discussion.

In any event, have Sam contact me with details of when and how he (and you?) would like to meet (phone, in person at Hoover, or Zoom). My direct line is 319-892-6334. I will be out of the office from 12/23/22 through 1/2/23, so we may not get this accomplished until January. But I am very willing to travel to Des Moines if that works best for Sam and you. Thank you for reaching out. Lance



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Lance,  
Sam Langholz will be my Chief Deputy (top lawyer). I would like him to understand the problems with DHS and the concerns of county attorneys. Would you have time to talk to him sometime? I would be glad to join too. I want to make sure we are protecting children.  
Brenna

Brenna Bird

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Brenna: Congratulations on your election victory! I welcome the opportunity to talk to Sam about county attorney/DHS/child protection issues. Thank you. I am wondering if you would like to include Tina Meth-Farrington in the discussion, who continues to chair the ICAA Juvenile Justice Committee? She can certainly speak for a larger group of ICAA members/county attorneys. The Juvie Justice Committee typically meets in January or February, which might provide a good forum for the discussion.

In any event, have Sam contact me with details of when and how he (and you?) would like to meet (phone, in person at Hoover, or Zoom). My direct line is 319-892-6334. I will be out of the office from 12/23/22 through 1/2/23, so we may not get this accomplished until January. But I am very willing to travel to Des Moines if that works best for Sam and you. Thank you for reaching out. Lance



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Lance,  
Sam Langholz will be my Chief Deputy (top lawyer). I would like him to understand the problems with DHS and the concerns of county attorneys. Would you have time to talk to him sometime? I would be glad to join too.  
i want to make sure we are protecting children.  
Brenna

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Brenna,

this is just one of the emails we received from Pam Maynard regarding electronic search warrants. It's my understanding a video was sent out to law enforcement as well. I have talked with Leora and she said Blake was on vacation but he is going to look into this process once he gets back. Judge Huppert had asked us clerk's if this was being done and it sounds like only polk and dallas have done it so far in our district. Other district are doing it now. Have been for awhile.

thank you!

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Thank you,

Pam



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