

**APPLICANT SUMMARY RESUME FORM  
FOR IOWA STATE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**

**NOTE TO APPLICANTS:** On advice of legal counsel, the Commission will treat the responses to this questionnaire as a public record. The information provided on this document will be posted on the Iowa Judicial Branch website at the time the names of all applicants are released for public comment prior to the date established by the Commission for interviewing and balloting.

**Name:** Suellen Overton

**Age:** 48

**City of Residence:** Council Bluffs

**Current Occupation/Title**

Attorney, Overton Law Office  
Staff Judge Advocate, 132d Fighter Wing, Iowa Air National Guard

**Professional Employment History** (Begin with current):

Overton Law Office 1994 to present  
Iowa Air National Guard, Lt. Col., 1982 to present  
State of Iowa, Magistrate, Pottawattamie County, 2005 to 2009  
Smith, Petersen, Beckman, and Willson, 1990-1994

**Law-Related Professional Activities** (Identify membership on committees, boards, and commissions of government entities, courts, law schools, bar associations, or court employee associations):

Limited Jurisdiction Task Force: appointed by Supreme Court Justice Marsha Ternus, January 2007  
Fourth Judicial District Nominating Commission 2001-2005  
Member Iowa State Bar Association and General Practice Section  
Member Southwest Iowa Bar Association  
Member Pottawattamie County Bar Association  
Past Board Member Public Service Project, ISBA  
Past member of YLD, Chair of Public Information Committee  
Member Nebraska and Omaha Bar Associations  
Member Association of Trial Lawyers of America  
Licensed in the U.S. Court of Criminal Appeals for the Armed Forces  
Licensed in the U.S. Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals

**Professional Awards and Honors:**

Served 12 years on State Board of Corrections: 1993 to 2005, Chair 2001-2005

Appointed by Governor Branstad, May 1993; Reappointed 1997; Reappointed by Gov. Vilsack 2001

1999 American Business Woman of the Year (National Award)

1997 Leadership Iowa Graduate-IA Assn. of Business and Industry

President's Award, ISBA, YLD 1993 for legal clinics during flood relief

Recipient of the Walt Pyper Leadership Award, 2000

#### Military Awards and Decorations

Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster (olc)

Air Force Commendation Medal with two olc

Air Force Outstanding Unit Ribbon with three olc

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with three olc

National Defense Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal with one olc

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with three olc

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

State Recruiting Ribbon

State Meritorious Service Ribbon

State Leadership Ribbon

State Longevity Ribbon with four olc

**Academic History** (Identify by institution each undergraduate, graduate, and law degree, year degree awarded, and awards and honors):

Des Moines Area Community College, 1983-1985, Associate of Arts degree

Drake University, 1985-1987, Bachelor of Arts degree

Graduated Magna Cum Laude

Drake University Law School, 1987-1990, Doctorate of Jurisprudence