

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
IOWA JUDGES' ASSOCIATION
JUNE 20, 2001**

Judge David J. Sohr, Davenport, Iowa, died July 30, 2000, at his home. Judge Sohr was an Iowa District Court Judge for the Seventh Judicial District since October 1, 1981. He retired in 1998 after seventeen years on the District Court.

David J. Sohr was born December 8, 1932, in Clinton, Iowa. His parents were Carl H. Sohr and Emma A. (Johnson) Sohr. His father was the Clinton County Recorder from November of 1932 to November of 1942.

Dave graduated from Clinton High School and then joined the U.S. Navy. He was a Naval Electronics Technician, 2nd class, on active duty from 1951 to 1955 during the Korean War. He was an electronics and radio operator with Patrol Squadron 21 NAS out of Brunswick, Maine. For some time while on active duty, he flew in the Mediterranean area on an electronics surveillance aircraft. Dave would tell his colleagues interesting stories about having dinner and other "outings" with French Foreign Legion members in the Mediterranean area.

When Dave returned from active duty he entered the University of Iowa and received Bachelor's and Juris Doctor degrees in 1961.

Dave married Sandra Miller in Clinton, Iowa, in October of 1959. After law school, Dave and Sandy moved to Phoenix,

Arizona, for one year where Dave was a law clerk for Judge George Sterling.

Dave joined the practice of Cook, Blair, Balluff & Nagle, in Davenport, Iowa, in 1962. He practiced with that firm, becoming a full name partner in Nagle, Blair & Sohr. He left the practice and was appointed a District Court judge by Governor Robert Ray in September of 1981.

As a result of his naval experience, Dave was very interested and active in the local ham radio organization. He was a licensed Advanced Amateur Radio Operator. His ham radio call sign was "NØFEL," which he often said meant "not for easy listening." He was always willing to give advice to his colleagues regarding their radio and antenna problems, even to the point of helping some judges install antennas in their houses, up in their attics. Dave's other hobbies were boating and fishing, especially in the Mississippi back waters. He occasionally rigged his johnboat so that he could combine all of his hobbies at once. He told the story of talking to a fellow in Brazil from his boat on the Mississippi River. Dave also had a deep interest in conservation, both of wild life and land, and an interest in state and local history.

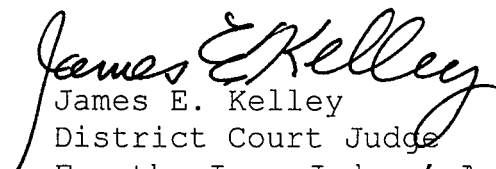
Dave was a hard working, conscientious judge. He was well liked and respected by the attorneys and judges in the Seventh Judicial District. His colleagues could always rely on him for

good advice and deep insights into the law and practice. Dave was always accessible to his colleagues on the Bench, and made it a habit to drop in on the local judges each morning, coffee cup in hand. He would sit down in chambers and ask how we were doing, and discuss the most recent news and the tough cases of the week. At noon, when the judges went out for lunch, he would often say: "If we had a decent assignment judge, we'd all be out fishing by now." He would also say the same thing when he was the assignment judge.

David J. Sohr is survived by his wife Sandra and their children, Gregory Paul Sohr and Allison Lynn Sohr.

Now be it Resolved that this Memorial Resolution be spread upon the records of the Iowa Judges' Association and a copy of the resolution be delivered to the family of Judge David J. Sohr.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of June, 2001:


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For the Iowa Judges' Association
Memorial Committee