

POLK COUNTY JUDGES WHO PERFORM WEDDING CEREMONIES

(Updated October 2022)

There are two ways a wedding can be performed by a Polk County judge. If you wish to have a specific judge perform a wedding ceremony (either at or away from the courthouse), that can be arranged with that judge individually. The alternative is to have a judge simply execute the paperwork for the marriage without a ceremony.

If you wish to use a specific judge, please refer to the list of judges (see below) who perform ceremonies. For ALL weddings before a specific judge, whether at the courthouse or elsewhere, **YOU MUST CONTACT THE JUDGE IN ADVANCE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.** COURTHOUSE WEDDING CEREMONIES ARE SCHEDULED ONLY DURING THESE HOURS:

Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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For weddings performed at a time other than these judicial working hours and at a place other than a court facility, a judge or magistrate may charge a fee not to exceed \$200.00. Individual judges may charge different fees. Please inquire for actual costs when arranging a ceremony.

If you simply want to have the paperwork signed without a ceremony, you should go to the Family Law Case Coordinator, room 1830 at the Polk County Historic Courthouse, 500 Mulberry Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (excluding noon to 1:00 p.m.). You should have your two (2) witnesses with you. You will be directed to a judge once one is available. There is no charge for this service.

All weddings performed during regular judicial working hours are to take place at the Polk County Historic Courthouse, 500 Mulberry St., Des Moines, IA 50309.

To apply for a marriage license, you will need to go to the Recorder's Office at the Polk County Administration Building, 111 Court Avenue, Room 245. Their business hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Both parties and one witness of legal age should be there to fill out the application. All three parties will need to have a photo ID or two other forms of identification with them. The fee for a marriage license is \$35.00. For additional information, you can contact the Polk County Recorder at 286-3781.

JUDGES LOCATED AT THE POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE 500 MULBERRY STREET, DES MOINES, IA 50309

JUDGE	TELEPHONE	CONDITIONS
Odell McGhee	(515) 321-8140	After hours and weekends
Robert Blink	(515) 360-3527	After hours and weekends only - no Courthouse
Scott Rosenberg	(515) 286-3463	After hours and weekends only - no Courthouse
Susan Cox	susan.cox@iowacourts.gov	After hours and weekends only - no Courthouse
Robert Hanson	(515) 286-3846	Courthouse; after hours and weekends (short notice OK)
Sarah Crane	(515) 286-3542	Courthouse only
Brendan Greiner	brendan.greiner@iowacourts.gov	After hours and weekends only - no Courthouse
Celene Gogerty	celene.gogerty@iowacourts.gov	Courthouse only
Samantha Gronewald	(515) 286-2170 or samantha.gronewald@iowacourts.gov	Courthouse only