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ISBA STATEMENT ON JUDICIAL REFORM LITIGATION

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The Iowa State Bar Association is not a party to the lawsuit recently filed by attorney Bob Rush and a group of Democratic lawmakers against the Governor of Iowa, Glen Dickinson, Leslie Hickey and Dan Huitink. As such, to the specific merits of the suit or the method of seeking redress, the ISBA has no comment.

“It is no secret that the bar association was strongly opposed to efforts to change the state’s long-standing and well-respected judicial selection system. We fought very hard against it during the legislative session until the final hours when the scaled-back, final version was passed,” said ISBA President Tom Levis, an attorney in West Des Moines. “We believe Iowa’s judicial selection system was one of the best in the country, but has been tainted by politics because of the changes passed by the legislature.”

The ISBA will not be involved in this lawsuit, but officers and leadership will be watching with interest.

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