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Cedar Rapids CSD	Teig v Loeffler	Apr. 2025	Amicus Curaie Brief in the appeals process for a ruling overturning the Court of Appeals decision and restoring board discretion in the use of closed sessions under Iowa Code 21.5(1) (i). This ruling will likely have statewide significance to school districts, etc.	\$10,000.00	\$4789 to Dickinson, Bradshaw, Fowler & Hagen	10/7/2025 Court of Appeals ruling vacated.
Special Assistance-DMACC	Smith v Des Moines Area Community College	Apr. 2023	DMACC special assistance request of a brief of amicus curiae from the IASB Legal Service Fund. Interpretation of Iowa Code 573 related to the release of retainage funds to the general contractor after obtaining a surety bond to cover the cost of the incomplete work of a subcontractor.	Up to \$10,000	\$ 4,128 to Ahlers & Cooney	3/8/2024 awaiting answer from the Iowa Supreme Court if they will hear the case. 10/10/2024 Iowa Supreme Court heard oral arguments. 11/22/2024 The Iowa Supreme Court and ruled in favor of DMACC and supports the intent of public entities in safeguarding public funds on public improvement projects.
Special Assistance - Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS)	Governor Kimberly Reynolds, Iowa State Board of Education, Iowa Department of Education, Iowa Department of Public Health, et al.	Sep-20	DMPS special assistance request of a brief of amicus curiae from the IASB Legal Service Fund. The District contends that the lawsuit will have statewide significance for member districts in that it will address the issue of what degree of local control do districts have to regulate the manner of providing education services and protecting the health and safety of students and staff. Approve and amicus curaie brief.	Up to \$10,000	\$0	Preliminary injunction denied and not appealed, primary case is pending before District Court. Amicus curiae brief will be provided if the primary case is appealed.
Special Assistance - IASB	Krapft v. Iowa Board of Regents	Feb-18	Amicus Curaie Brief on behalf of the Iowa Board of Regents. A ruling on clear guidance on the definition of a "meeting" and that the definition of meeting not be expanded in a way that would inhibit board members from information gathering critical to board decision-making.	Up to \$3,000.	LSF amount \$690. Total \$2,792. In cooperation with IA League of Cities, IA Assoc. of Municipal Utilities, IAState Assoc.of Counties.	Court of Appeals issued an opinion affirming the district court's decision to grant summary judgment in favor of Defendants. Application for further review to the Supreme Court was denied (3/5/2019) . The Court of Appeals' decision stands.
Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa EA v. PERB	Jun-17	A ruling clarifying the negotiability status on the definition of "base wages". The ruling has been appealed to District Court by the Oskaloosa Education Association. Oskaloosa School District has filed as an intervenor.	Up to \$10,000	\$5,344.50	Polk County District Court ruling decision of PERB affirmed (1/26/2018).
Special Assistance - IASB	Godfrey v. State of Iowa	Sep-15	Ability of a plaintiff to bring a lawsuit for money damages under the IA Constitution - Request for support of an amicus brief.	\$3,500	\$3,500.00	The State lost on the claim of the availability of monetary damages under the Iowa Constitution.
IASB	Branstad	Dec-14	Research regarding school start date	Up to \$5,000	\$446.50	Completed-found no basis for successful action.
Fort Dodge	PERB	Jul-12	Definition of supplemental pay subject to bargaining.	Up to \$20,000	\$20,000.00	Completed-PERB won.
IASB	ISEA, DE v. IASB, SAI, IASBO	Mar-11	Teacher Salary Supplement (TSS) funds as listed on the Aid and Levy Worksheet and whether the 10% across the board cut impacts the TQ funding.	\$10,000 to support the litigation. Cost is split with SAI and IASBO. Working with Drew Bracken	\$10,000.00	Completed - IASB/SAI won
GLENWOOD	Glenwood Education Assoc.	May-10	Dispute with Glenwood's teacher association of the negotiability of distinguishing the regular salary base and the teacher salary supplement base when combining salary schedules	Amicus Brief not to exceed \$5,000 on behalf of the other 363 school districts support of Glenwood CSD.	\$5,000.00	Completed- school district won

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Davenport CSD	Weddum	Aug-07	Early Retirement case involving a teacher who did not turn 55 until Sept, which is after the start of the school year, also denied by IPERS.	Amicus Brief not to exceed \$5,000 on behalf of the other 363 school districts support of Davenport CSD.	\$3,404.27	Completed 6/2008 Reversed and remanded, school district won
College Community CSD	Gianforte, John	Sep-06	Question on whether appropriate for board members to respond to interrogatories prior to the teacher termination.	Amicus Brief not to exceed \$5,000	\$5,000.00	Completed 10/2009 Reversed and remanded, school district won
Clarion-Goldfield CSD	DE-Judy Jeffrey	Jul-06	School District challenged the DE term " school district" in the application of the POT 2 professional development funds appropriated in 2005. The DE implied "school district" to include the teacher's union.	Legal Assistance not to exceed \$10,000	\$7,134.46	Completed 09/2006 - school district won
Clinton CSD	John and Jane Doe	Jul-06	Parental access to closed session tapes of suspension of student accused of harassment.	Amicus Brief not to exceed \$2,500	\$2,500.00	Completed 11/2006 - school district won (only the portion where the students parents and Att'y were present will be open- per order by the court.)
Waterloo CSD	PERB	Nov-04	School District challenged overload pay.	Amicus Brief, not exceeding \$5,000 - 12/06/2004	\$5,000.00	Completed - 10/2007 school district won
Creston CSD	DHS (Medicaid)	Jun-04	School District was audited by DHS, Medicaid Claiming. Was told to repay over \$150,000 in reimbursements due to federal budget crisis.	Legal Assistance not to exceed \$10,000 - 6/21/06	\$10,000.00	Completed - 05/2005
Ames CSD	Culliman	Apr-04	Termination of coach's contract, not the teaching contract due to harassment actions against students in athletics and parents.	Legal Assistance not to exceed \$4000 Amicus Brief up to \$5,000 (if appealed on either side.) Not exceeding \$9,000 -6/1/05	\$4,000.00	Completed - 12/22/05 Amicus was refused by the Court.
Medicaid Litigation, NSBA	Iowa and U.S. Government Case	Oct-03	Medicaid Litigation involving all state associations	Legal Fees per State Association \$10,000	\$10,000.00	Completed
Muscatine CSD and State of Iowa	Jones, Marzel SC Case No. 02-505	Jun-02	Marijuana discovered in coat in student's school locker	Amicus Brief, not to exceed \$1,500	\$1,500.00	Completed Supreme Court -school district won
Sioux City CSD	DE, Western Hills AEA and Parent of student in Regency Mobile Home Park - SC Case No. 23-01-	Jun-01	Free Transportation for kids within 1 mile	Amicus Brief not to exceed \$3,000	\$2,314.50	Completed
Ankeny CSD and Heartland AEA	NW 80th Lane Association (Housing Area)	Apr-00	Selection of School Bus Stop	Amicus Brief not to exceed \$3,000 9/5/2000	\$2,777.95	Completed - school district won
IASB	ISEA and PERB	Jul-99	Petition for Declaratory Ruling	50% not to exceed \$7,500	\$2,194.10	Complete
Pleasant Valley CSD	Brown, Roi SC Case No. 97-1858	Jun-98	Question on whether board has to hold termination hearing if not requested by party.	Amicus Brief not to exceed \$1,500	\$2,631.49	Completed 1/2001
Cedar Rapids CSD	Lockhart	Nov-97	Wrongful Termination of Custodian	50% of legal fees, not to exceed \$4,000	\$4,000.00	Completed 02/1998 - school district won
Marion CSD and Grant Wood AEA	John and Lea T.	Nov-97	Private School	Amicus Brief not to exceed \$4,000	\$0.00	Completed - school district lost
Rockwell City-Lytton, CSD	DE	Dec-96	State Board Standard of Review	50% of legal costs, not to exceed \$3,000	\$3,000.00	Completed 12/04/1996 - school district won
Cedar Rapids CSD	Round, Garret F.	Jun-96	Medical Services	Not to exceed \$6,000	\$0.00	Completed 02/1998
			Exclusion to the IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)		\$0.00	Completed 07/1998 Appealed to 8th Cir. Ct.

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Eddyville-Blakesburg CSD	Anderson	Jun-96	Grievance Impact on Contract Termination	Not to exceed \$6,000, 50% of legal fees	\$0.00	Completed - Split decision
Davenport CSD	Rathmann	Aug-95	Numerous educational and political lawsuits	Amicus Brief - 1/1997		Completed
Carroll CSD	Carroll Education Association	Apr-95	Prohibited Practice Complaint Alleging CEA Bargaining in Bad Faith	50% of legal fees not to exceed \$2,500. If appeal is filed with PERB or District Court- Amicus Brief or Legal Costs \$1,250		Completed - not appealed
Davenport CSD	Gabrilson	Apr-95	Numerous educational and political lawsuits	Amicus Brief		Completed
West Marshall CSD	Nichols, Instruction and Appeals	Jan-95	Reimbursement of Unemployment Compensation Benefits	50% of legal costs, not to exceed \$3,200	\$3,200.00	Completed 2/1995
Lewis Central CSD	Education Assoc. of Lewis Central	Oct-94	Teacher Arbitration -Grievance Case	Denied by the Committee, but allow the SD Att'y to counsel with IASB Att'y.	\$0.00	Completed 11/1994
Mason City CSD	Wright	Oct-94	Student Harassment Case U.S. District Court	50% not to exceed \$8,500 The full amount may be used to pay the Attorney fees not covered by E&O Insurance, the cost of an Amicus Brief, or pay the cost of consultation with other Attorneys	\$541.50	Completed - school district won
Glenwood CSD	Kramer, Melvin	Jul-94	Interest Arbitration		\$0.00	Complete, case was settled between the parties.8/1994
Carroll CSD	OSHA	Mar-94	OSHA Inspection of a Special Ed classroom	Not Sure	Not Sure	Not Sure
Wellsburg-Steamboat Rock CSD	DE	Nov-93	Supplemental weighting pursuant to Iowa Code Sec. 442.39A	50% of cost of Litigation pending before Iowa Supreme Court not to exceed \$4,500	\$4,500.00	Complete - school district won 6/1994
Parkersburg CSD	Thie	Nov-92	Appeal of Adjudicator's Decision regarding teacher termination	Filing of Amicus Brief not to exceed \$2,500 50% of legal costs \$5,000. Incident to litigation not to exceed \$5,000	\$5,000.00	Completed 1/26/1995 - school district won
Waterloo CSD	Martin, James	Jul-92	Administrator Termination, sexual abuse with minor			Completed - 05/1993
Sioux Rapids CSD	Rembrandt, Jones	Apr-92	Staff reduction under sharing agreement	50% not to exceed \$2,500	\$2,500.00	Completed
Emmetsburg CSD	Baack	Nov-91	Administrator Termination	50% not to exceed \$7,500	\$0.00	Completed - 3/1992 did not appeal case.
Griswold CSD	Hansen, Pamela	Jan-91	Teacher Termination	50% of litigation (petition for Judicial review) not to exceed \$4,000	\$1655.55	Complete
Des Moines CSD	Williams	Nov-90	Petition for Declaratory Judgment	50% of legal costs not to exceed \$5,000. If District Court Decision is appealed to the Supreme Court and Amicus Brief will be filed by IASB from the Legal Service Fund.	\$5,000.00	Complete - school district won
Buffalo Center - Rake CSD	Doden	Oct-90	Alleged Violations of Open Meetings Records Law	Settlement Costs	\$5,000.00	Completed

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Fairfield CSD	Justmann	Apr-90	Teacher Termination	50% of legal costs not to exceed \$7,000. Fund will underwrite cost of Amicus Brief if appealed to Iowa Supreme Court.	\$3,884.50	Complete - school district won
Lamoni CSD	Leonard, Bob, et. al. v. Iowa State Board of Education - Case No. CL2280	Nov-89	Appeal Decisions of State board - working on professional projects Rambo on school time or facilities.	50% not to exceed \$1,500 for legal costs or use to pay for IASB attorney to consult with the Att'y. General's Office	\$385.74	Complete - 3/1990
West Monona CSD	Hoevet, Robert	Nov-89	Teacher Termination -Judicial Review	50% not to exceed \$4,500	\$4,500.00	Complete 10/1992
IASB	PERB	Oct-89	Petition for Declaratory Ruling	50% not to exceed \$7,500	\$0.00	Complete
Nishna Valley CSD	Neigh	Dec-88	Judicial Review of Adjudicator's Decision	5 Hrs Research and Consultation with IASB Counsel	\$0.00	Complete - Appeal to Court - school district lost
Newton CSD	Leu, Wesson, Wesson	Oct-88	Civil Rights Claim	50% not to exceed \$1,500	\$1,000.00	Complete 9/1990
Moravia CSD	Moravia Education Assoc. - CL109-0988	Sep-88	Appeal of Impasse Interest - Arbitration Award	50% not to exceed \$2,500	\$2,500.00	Completed 12/1988
Northeast Hamilton CSD	Classon	Jul-88	Teacher Termination -Staff Reduction a. Legal Costs b. Counsel with district's attorney and /or to file amicus brief if case appealed to court.	50% not to exceed \$3,500 Not to exceed \$2,500	\$3,312.61	Complete - school district won 4/1989
Bedford CSD (see Green Valley AEA)	Jerome and Carolyn M.	Jun-88	Placement of Special Education Students	\$1,800	\$1,800.00	Complete - school districtwon 6/1988
Green Valley AEA	no record	Apr-88	Placement of Special Education Students	\$1,800	\$1,800.00	Complete - school district won
Sheldon CSD	Brands	May-87	Student Discipline-Eligibility for extracurricular activities.	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	Complete - school districtwon 5/1987
Howard-Winneshiek CSD	Vrba, Schultz	Feb-87	District Court Chapter 279 - Dismissal Case	50% not to exceed \$3,000	\$644.68	Complete - school district won 12/1987
Southeast Polk CSD	Werling, Jeffrey	Nov-86	Limitations on Management's Rights to Assign and Reassign Coaching Duties under the IA Code 179.19A (1985).	50% not to exceed \$5,000 also legal consultation by IASB counsel not to exceed \$1,000		Completed
Des Moines CSD	Sorensen - Job Service	Jan-86	Unemployment comp case appeal to Polk County District Court	50% not to exceed \$1,500	\$1,500.00	Complete - school district won
Charles City CSD	Calvary Baptist	Jul-85	Appeal to Supreme Court - Compulsory Education	\$3,700	\$3,700.00	Complete - school district won on appeal.
Northeast CSD	O'Rourke - SC Case No. 85-1856	Apr-85	District Court Teacher Suspension w/o Pay	50% not to exceed \$2,500	\$2,500.00	Complete - school district won
ISEA Declaratory Ruling		May-84	Substitute Teacher PERB Case #2703 Bargaining Rights for Substitute Teachers	50% not to exceed \$3,500	\$3,500.00	Complete - won/lost
Northeast CSD	PERB - Case No. CL992 / CL10386	Aug-83	Appeal to District Court - PERB Cases # 2390 / 2414 IASB as Amicus or Party of the judicial review of proceedings	50% not to exceed \$3,500	\$3,500.00	Complete - school district lost
Charles City CSD	Calvary Baptist	Jun-83	Compulsory Education a. Pre-Trial Prep b. Two days assistance from IASB Legal Counsel Estimate c. Trial and Related Expense	50% not to exceed \$800 \$1,000 50% not to exceed \$2,000	\$800.00 \$1000.00 \$2000.00	Complete - school district won in Dist. Court Complete Complete

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Charles City CSD		Jun-83	Suite Filed - Illegal closed session to set compensation for non-union employees	50% of costs not reimbursed by insurance company not to exceed \$3,500	\$206.47	Complete
Mediapolis CSD	McDonlad, McLaughlin, Smith	Aug-82	Appeal to the Supreme Court on Teacher Termination	50% not to exceed \$1,750	\$1,750.00	Complete - school district won 9/1983
Mt. Pleasant CSD	Para-Professional and Secretaries Association (PERB) Case No. 1987	Aug-82	Appeal to PERB Board Representation Election Appeals to the Courts The Committee approved the use of any unused funds allocated for the PERB hearing to be added to the Appel to the Court, so the district was eligible for total financial support of \$3700	50% not to exceed \$1,200 50% not to exceed \$2,500	\$577.50	Complete - to Court - school district won 4/1984
Marcus CSD	Robinson, Scott	Apr-82	Teacher Lawsuit, Federal Ct.	Denied by the Committee, but allow the SD Att'y to counsel with IASB Att'y.	\$0.00	Completed 8/1982
Eagle Grove CSD	Drake	Feb-82	Appeal of Grievance Arbitrator's Decision	50% not to exceed \$1000 plus 5 Hrs. Research and Consultation @ \$300	1000	Complete - decision by court, school district won
South Winneshiek CSD	Sexton	Feb-82	Appeal of Adjudicator & District Court decisions to Iowa Supreme Court regarding Teacher Termination	50% not to exceed \$1000 plus 5 Hrs. Research @ \$300	\$0	Complete Complete - withdrawn
Washington CSD	Keating, Lauren	Dec-81	Appeal to District Court of Adjudicator's Decision of Teacher Termination	50% not to exceed \$800	\$733.54	Complete – withdrawn by Appellant - school district won
Union-Whitten CSD	Swanson, Charles	Oct-81	Termination of Continuing Contract - Staff Reduction - Board's Right to Assign Issue.	50% of legal costs not to exceed \$2,500	Not Sure	Completed 12/1981
Winterset CSD	PERB - Case No. 1930	Aug-81	PERB to reopen case - issue of constitutionality section 20.22. Binding arbitration	50% of the cost of an appeal not to exceed \$7,500		Completed
Lenox CSD	Heaton and Schuster	Jun-81	Teacher Termination appeal to the Supreme Court	50% not to exceed \$1,000	\$1,000.00	Complete - school district won - 2/1984
North Mahaska CSD	Van Arkel	Jun-81	Appeal to Supreme Ct. Teacher Termination	50% not to exceed \$1,500	\$1,500.00	Complete – school district won
Saydel CSD	PERB - CL Case No. 103-68099	Jun-81	Appeal to District Court PERB Ruling on criteria for Transfer and Staff Reduction	50% not to exceed \$7,500	\$3,888.98	Complete - school district won
Saydel CSD	Fitzgerald	Jun-81	Teacher Termination of a Substitute Additional Allocation	50% not to exceed \$1,500	\$1,500.00 \$1,000.00	Complete - school district won
Treynor CSD	Masker	Jun-81	Judicial Review Grievance Arbitration	5Hrs. Consultation @ \$300.00	\$120.00	Complete - Settled
Oelwein CSD	Dudley Rebecca, et. al. Case No. CL35-20473	May-81	Judicial Review School Closing	50% not to exceed \$200	\$200.00	Complete - school district won 6/1981
College Community CSD	PERB	Apr-81	Prohibited Practices Complaint before PERB Hearing Office	50% not to exceed \$750	\$750.00	Complete- 10/1981 school district Lost
Carroll CSD	King	Oct-80	Appeal to Iowa Civil Rights, Commission Decision to District Court	50% not to exceed \$2,500	\$2,500.00	Complete - school district won
77					\$175,854.79	Total Allocated to LSF Cases since 1981