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**questions regarding appointment certificate**

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Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 12:16 PM

To: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" &lt;kevin.hall@sos.iowa.gov&gt;, Molly Hammer &lt;Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov&gt;

Any comment or information about this judicial appointment certificate or typical procedure for signing documents that are backdated? Still would like to nail down when this judge's appointment certificate was signed.

Thanks,

Laurie

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From: **Laura Belin** <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Thu, Aug 23, 2018 at 1:48 PM

Subject: Fwd: questions regarding appointment certificate

To: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <kevin.hall@sos.iowa.gov>, Molly Hammer <Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov>

Circling back again to find out if it is typical for Secretary Pate to sign backdated judicial appointment certificates or other official documents. Has this been the Branstad/Reynolds administration practice since Secretary Pate took office in 2015?

Also, if there is any record of the date on which this certificate was in fact signed, I'm seeking that information.

Thanks,

Laurie

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From: **Laura Belin** <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Tue, Aug 21, 2018 at 6:46 PM

Subject: Re: questions regarding appointment certificate

To: Molly Hammer <Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov>, "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <kevin.hall@sos.iowa.gov>

Hello Kevin and Molly,

For planning purposes, when can I expect an answer to these questions?

I realize I could have been more clear with one of the questions. I'd like to know if Secretary Pate routinely signs judicial appointment certificates that are backdated, or whether he normally signs them on the date that appears on the certificate, and this Jason Besler document was an exception.

Thanks,

Laurie

On Tue, Aug 21, 2018 at 9:43 AM, Molly Hammer <[Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov](mailto:Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov)> wrote:

Good Morning Laura,

I received your questions and forwarded it to the appropriate staff member for review.

Thank you,

**Molly M. Hammer**

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**From:** Laura Belin <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018 9:35 AM

**To:** Molly Hammer <[Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov](mailto:Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov)>

**Subject:** Fwd: questions regarding appointment certificate

Hello Molly,

Circling back on these questions. Still have not nailed down when the certificate was signed.

Also, I assume someone in the governor's office drew up this certificate--is that correct?

Thanks,

Laura

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From: **Laura Belin** <[desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com](mailto:desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com)>

Date: Mon, Aug 20, 2018 at 8:57 AM

Subject: questions regarding appointment certificate

To: Molly Hammer <[Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov](mailto:Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov)>

Dear Molly,

I received the attached copy of a judicial appointment and commission certificate as part of public records I requested from the governor's office.

Other correspondence makes clear that this certificate (dated June 21) could not have been signed until the following week at the earliest.

On what date did Secretary Pate sign Jason Besler's appointment and commission certificate?

Does Secretary Pate sometimes sign formal documents that are backdated? If so, under what circumstances?

Thanks in advance for any information you can provide.

Yours,

Laura Belin

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