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Editor's Note

The photographs on the following pages and on our cover are excerpted from *Iowa Courtroom Series* by Christopher Beckman, who recently earned a BFA in photography and a BA in journalism, and who is currently a student at the University of Iowa College of Law. He writes:

The moments that happen within a courtroom can be deeply private and personal. They may decide the custody of a child, the future of an accused person, or the prospects for a start-up company. Yet these events are considered to be public, and as we've seen in Iowa with the issue of gay marriage, can have profound public impact. By bringing a large-format camera into Iowa courtrooms, I hope to provoke discussion about the importance of the courts in our everyday lives.



Henry County Courtroom



Jefferson County Courtroom



Linn County Courtroom



Washington County Courtroom