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Auditor of State David A. Vaudt today released an audit report on the Iowa Judicial Retirement System for the year ended June 30, 2007. The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to judges serving on the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals and the District Courts. The System covered 356 active and retired judges in fiscal year 2007.

The System's net assets held in trust for pension benefits totaled \$96,613,482 at June 30, 2007. The System reported total additions of \$16,273,228 for the year ended June 30, 2007. Additions included \$2,173,335 in interest and dividends, \$2,039,664 from state appropriation, \$603,804 from member contributions and a net increase in fair value of investments of \$11,794,357. Deductions for the fiscal year included \$5,761,694 for annuity benefits.

The System's unfunded actuarial accrued liability increased approximately \$4,489,000 during fiscal year 2007, from \$37,560,000 at June 30, 2006 to \$42,049,000 at June 30, 2007, due primarily to a change in the qualifications for retirement as provided by Iowa Code Section 602.9104. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability as a percentage of covered payroll increased from 156% for fiscal year 2006 to 172% for fiscal year 2007.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <a href="http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/reports.htm">http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/reports.htm</a>.

#### IOWA JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**JUNE 30, 2007** 

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#### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System:

We have audited the accompanying statement of plan net assets of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System as of June 30, 2007, and the related statement of changes in plan net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 2, the financial statements present the financial position and changes in financial position of only that portion of the financial reporting entity of the State of Iowa that is attributable to the transactions of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Iowa as of June 30, 2007, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the plan net assets of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System at June 30, 2007, and the changes in plan net assets for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 7 through 9, the Schedule of Funding Progress and the Schedule of Employer Contributions are not required parts of the financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated October 19, 2007 on our consideration of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA Auditor of State

WARREN G. ÆNKINS, CPA Chief Deputy Auditor of State

October 19, 2007

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This discussion and analysis of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System provides an overview of the retirement system's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

#### 2007 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Plan net assets held in trust for pension benefits increased by \$10.5 million during fiscal year 2007 (FY07). At June 30, 2007, total plan assets were approximately \$105.1 million and total liabilities were approximately \$8.5 million, resulting in plan net assets held in trust for pension benefits of \$96.6 million.
- Covered payroll, upon which both employee and employer pension contributions are calculated, increased by \$332,000 from FY06 and totaled \$24.4 million. Employer contributions were unchanged. Member contributions decreased by 45.3%, or \$500,040.
- Net investment income, after all investment-related expenses, was \$13.6 million in FY07 compared to \$6.4 million in FY06. Investment management expenses decreased from \$368,650 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 to \$337,932 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.
- Total additions for the year resulted in a positive impact to the fund of \$16.3 million compared to a positive impact of \$9.6 million in FY06.
- Pension benefits to members increased by \$678,446. Payments to members totaled approximately \$5.8 million in FY07.
- Administrative expenses totaled \$7,900 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, as compared to \$5,275 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, an increase of \$2,625.

#### USING THIS FINANCIAL REPORT

This report reflects the activities of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System as reported in the Statement of Plan Net Assets (see page 12) and the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets (see page 13). These Statements are presented on an accrual basis and reflect all trust activities as incurred. The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of the financial statements and include additional information not readily evident in the statements themselves. The required supplementary information following the notes to financial statements provides historical and additional detailed information considered useful in evaluating the condition of the plan.

#### ANALYSIS OF PLAN NET ASSETS

Tables 1 and 2 present condensed summaries of plan net assets and a breakdown of the changes in plan net assets with comparisons to the previous fiscal year.

#### PLAN NET ASSETS

Table 1

<u>June 30</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	Increase (Decrease) <u>Amount</u>	Increase (Decrease) Percent
Cash and investments	\$101,962,946	89,976,213	11,986,733	13.3%
Receivables	3,144,890	191,473	2,953,417	1,542.5
Total assets	105,107,836	90,167,686	14,940,150	16.6
Total liabilities	8,494,354	4,057,838	4,436,516	109.3
Plan net assets	\$ 96,613,482	86,109,848	10,503,634	12.2

Approximately 93% of total assets are investments held to provide retirement, survivor and disability benefits to qualified members and their beneficiaries. Other assets, including cash and cash equivalents, receivables from members and receivables from investment-related transactions, comprise the remaining 7% of total assets. Total assets increased by approximately \$14.9 million, or 16.6%. Total receivables increased by \$2.9 million, or 1,542.5%, from FY06, due in large part to an increase in investment-related receivables.

Total liabilities represent current liabilities and consist primarily of amounts owed for investment-related transactions, amounts owed to members or their beneficiaries and amounts owed to contractors and vendors. Total liabilities increased by \$4.4 million, or 109.3%, from FY06, due in large part to an increase in investment-related payables.

#### **CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS**

Table 2

Fiscal years ended June 30	2007	<u>2006</u>	Increase (Decrease) Amount	Increase (Decrease) Percent
Additions:				
Employer contributions	\$ 2,039,664	2,039,664	_	0.0%
Member contributions	603,804	1,103,844	(500,040)	(45.3)
Net investment income	13,629,760	6,449,364	7,180,396	111.3
Total additions	16,273,228	9,592,872	6,680,356	69.6
Deductions:				
Annuity benefits	5,761,694	5,083,248	678,446	13.3
Administrative expenses	7,900	5,275	2,625	49.8
Total deductions	5,769,594	5,088,523	681,071	13.3
Increase in plan net assets	\$10,503,634	<u>4,504,349</u>	5,999,285	133.2

Favorable market conditions and a higher than expected rate of return on investments resulted in net investment income of \$13.6 million. Benefits of \$5.8 million exceeded contributions of \$2.6 million by \$3.2 million for FY07 compared to the \$2 million by which benefits exceeded contributions in FY06. This excess of benefits paid relative to contributions received is characteristic of a mature pension plan such as the Iowa Judicial Retirement System. The investment rate of return for the fiscal year was 15.93%.

The following table contains the fiscal year performance of each asset class, benchmark and the Plan's actual asset allocation as of June 30, 2007.

Table 3

Asset Class	Return	Benchmark	Allocation
Large capitalization stocks	20.63%	20.59%	30.60%
Small capitalization stocks	18.83	16.81	6.65
Small capitalization value	16.16	16.06	9.06
Core fixed income	n/a	6.52	29.10
International equities	24.49	27.00	18.67
Cash equivalents	5.24	5.21	(0.19)
Real estate	n/a	n/a	6.11
Equity reits	18.69	16.33	<u>n/a</u>
Total	15.93	15.63	<u>100.00</u> %

#### CONTACTING SYSTEM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our membership, taxpayers and creditors with a general overview of the System's finances and to demonstrate the System's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Iowa Judicial Retirement System, 1111 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50319.



**Financial Statements** 

See notes to financial statements.

# Iowa Judicial Retirement System

#### Statement of Plan Net Assets

June 30, 2007

Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 4,634,510
Member contributions receivable		5,373
Receivable for investments sold		3,139,517
Investments, at fair value:		
Common stock	\$ 63,128,078	
Fixed income securities	28,266,336	
Real estate	5,934,022	97,328,436
Total assets		105,107,836
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable		169,245
Payable for investments purchased		8,325,109
Total liabilities		8,494,354
Net assets held in trust for pension benefits (A schedule		0.5.510.100
of funding progress is presented on page 21)		\$ 96,613,482

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# Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets

# Year ended June 30, 2007

Additions:		
Contributions:		
Members		\$ 603,804
Employer - state appropriation		2,039,664
Investment income:		
Interest	\$ 1,600,687	
Dividends	572,648	
Net increase in fair value of investments	11,794,357	
Less investment expense	(337,932)	
Net investment income		 13,629,760
Total additions		16,273,228
Deductions:		
Annuity benefits		5,761,694
Administrative expenses		7,900
Total deductions		5,769,594
Net increase in net assets held in trust for pension benefits		10,503,634
Net assets held in trust for pension benefits:		
Beginning of year		 86,109,848
End of year		\$ 96,613,482

See notes to financial statements.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2007

#### (1) Plan Description

The Iowa Judicial Retirement System, a single-employer public employee retirement system (PERS), is the administrator of a defined benefit pension plan.

The Iowa Judicial Retirement System was established to provide pension benefits to judges serving on the Supreme Court, the District Courts and the Court of Appeals. The plan's membership as of June 30, 2007 was as follows:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	149
Terminated members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	9
Current members:	
Fully vested members	169
Non-vested active judges covered by the plan	29
Total	356

Pursuant to Chapter 602 of the Code of Iowa, a member who has had a total of at least four years of service as a judge of one or more of the above courts and is at least sixtyfive years of age or who has served twenty years of consecutive service as a judge of one or more of the above courts and have attained the age of fifty years shall qualify for an annuity. The annual annuity of a judge under this system is an amount equal to three and one-fourth percent of the judge's average annual basic salary for the judge's highest three years as a judge multiplied by the judge's years of service or, for a member who meets the definition of a senior judge under Chapter 602.9202 of the Code of Iowa, three and one-fourth percent of the basic senior judge salary multiplied by the judge's years of service, limited to a specified percentage of the highest basic annual salary or basic senior judge salary, as applicable, which the judge is receiving or had received as of the time the judge or senior judge became separated from service. The specified percentage is as follows: (1) fifty percent for judges who retired prior to July 1, 1998; (2) fifty-two percent for judges who retired and received an annuity on or after July 1, 1998 but before July 1, 2000; (3) fifty-six percent for judges who retired and received an annuity on or after July 1, 2000 but before July 1, 2001; (4) sixty percent for judges who retire and receive an annuity on or after July 1, 2001 but before July 1, 2006; and (5) sixtyfive percent for judges who retire and receive annuity on or after July 1, 2006.

Any member who has served as a judge for a total of four years or more and is deemed permanently incapacitated, mentally or physically, to perform his/her duties shall be entitled to an annuity that would be the same as computed under a retirement annuity.

Beginning July 1, 2006, judges contribute to the system at the rate of 6% multiplied by a fraction equal to the percentage of the state's actual contribution to the retirement fund divided by the statutory mandated state contribution of 23.7%. The state contributes annually at rates established by statute until the system attains fully funded status, at which time the state shall contribute at a rate necessary to maintain fully funded status. For the year ended June 30, 2007, the state contributed an amount equal to at least 9.16% of the basic salary of all covered judges.

#### (2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the Iowa Judicial Retirement System has included all funds. The Iowa Judicial Retirement System has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Iowa Judicial Retirement System are such that exclusion would cause the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the System to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Iowa Judicial Retirement System. The Iowa Judicial Retirement System has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

#### B. Fund Accounting

The Iowa Judicial Retirement System is treated for accounting purposes as a Pension Trust Fund. The operations of the fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, liabilities, net assets, additions and deductions.

#### C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The Iowa Judicial Retirement System's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. System contributions are recognized when due and the System has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

#### D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents represent cash and money market investments held by the Treasurer of State and cash allocated to the System's investment manager for investment. The System's deposits throughout the year and at year end were entirely covered by federal depository insurance and the State Sinking Fund.

#### E. Investments

Investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Mortgages are valued on the basis of future principal and interest payments and are discounted at prevailing interest rates for similar instruments. The fair value of real estate investments is based on independent appraisals. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value.

The Treasurer of the State of Iowa is responsible for investing the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's funds. The system is authorized by statute to invest in any form of indebtedness issued, assumed or guaranteed by the federal government. In addition, the fund may be invested in a manner consistent with the "Uniform Prudent Investor Act." The act requires that a trustee shall invest and manage trust property as a prudent investor would, by considering the purposes, terms, distribution requirements and other circumstances of the trust. In satisfying this standard, the trustee shall exercise reasonable care, skill and caution.

Investments in government bonds and treasury notes constitute approximately 4.50% of net assets held in trust for pension benefits. The System does not invest in obligations of the State of Iowa or its political subdivisions.

The System spent \$337,932 for investment management expenses, which was .35% of the market value of the net assets held in trust for pension benefits at June 30, 2007.

The System's investments in common stock, fixed income securities and real estate, stated at cost, are \$46,707,402, \$28,379,164 and \$5,946,537, respectively.

<u>Credit risk</u> - Credit risk is the risk an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations to the Iowa Judicial Retirement System. As of June 30, 2007, the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's fixed income assets that are not government guaranteed represented 63.7% of the fixed income holdings. The following table summarizes the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's fixed income portfolio exposure levels and credit qualities.

#### Credit Risk-S&P Quality Ratings

										Not	
Investment Type:	<u>TSY</u>	AGY	AAA	AA	<u>A</u>	BBB	BB	<u>B</u>	CCC	Rated	<u>Total</u>
1) Short Term Investments											
Pooled Funds and Mutual Funds	\$ -	-	4,969,353	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,848	5,003,201
2) Fixed Income Investments											
A) U.S. Government											
1) U.S. Government Treasury, Notes, Bonds	3,592,852	-	822,813	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,415,665
2) U.S. Government Agencies	-	526,644	445,153	-	-	-	58,449	-	-	-	1,030,246
<ol><li>Other Government Fixed Income</li></ol>	-	-	-	-	-	25,589	73,979	-	-	-	99,568
B) Mortgage Backed											
1) Government National Mortgage Association	-	27,081	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,081
2) Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	-	2,990,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,990,100
<ol><li>Federal National Mortgage Association</li></ol>	-	4,346,901	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,346,901
C) Corporate Fixed Income											
<ol> <li>Government CMO's</li> </ol>	434,932	124,827	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	559,759
D) Corporate											
<ol> <li>Corporate Bonds</li> </ol>	-	-	-	653,144	1,959,820	4,262,088	230,856	207,204	-	-	7,313,112
<ol><li>Corporate Asset Backed</li></ol>	-	92,257	4,519,219	106,298	29,749	-	-	-	-	241,863	4,989,386
Private Placement	-	-	-	-	120,392	593,410	138,229	117,949	9,679	-	979,659
4) Miscellaneous		-	-	-	-	35,390	-	-	-	1,479,469	1,514,859
Totals	\$ 4,027,784	8,107,810	10,756,538	759,442	2,109,961	4,916,477	501,513	325,153	9,679	1,755,180	33,269,537

Concentration of credit risk - Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issue. The Iowa Judicial Retirement System's investment policy states no investment manager shall be permitted to invest more than 5% of its system account in any one corporate issuer without written direction and approval of the Treasurer of State.

<u>Interest rate risk</u> - Interest rate risk is the risk changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. This risk is managed within the portfolio using the effective duration methodology. It is widely used in the management of fixed income portfolios in that it quantifies to a much greater degree the risk of interest rate changes. The methodology takes into account optionality on bonds and scales the risk of price changes on bonds depending upon the degree of change in rates and the slope of the yield curve.

#### **Interest Rate Sensitivity-Duration**

Inv	7est	mer	nt Type:	<u> </u>	Fair Value	<b>Duration</b>	
1)	Sh	ort-t	erm Investments:				
		Poo	oled Funds and Mutual Funds	\$	5,003,201	-	
2)	U.S	S. Fi	xed Income:				
	A)	U.S	S. Government				
		1)	U.S. Government Treasury, Notes, Bonds		4,415,665	7.87	
		2)	U.S. Government Agency		1,030,246	8.28	
		3)	Other Government Fixed Income		99,568	6.87	
	B)	Mo	rtgage Backed				
		1)	Government National Mortgage Association		27,081	3.17	
		2)	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation		2,990,100	4.60	
		3)	Federal National Mortgage Association		4,346,901	3.96	
	C)	Col	lateralized Mortgage Obligations				
		1)	Government CMO's		559,759	0.56	
	D)	Cor	rporate				
		1)	Corporate Bonds		7,313,112	4.82	
		2)	Corporate Asset Backed		4,989,386	3.30	
		3)	Private Placement		979,659	6.70	
		4)	Miscellaneous Other Fixed Income		1,514,859	4.80	
То	tal 1	33,269,537					
Por	Portfolio duration						

#### (3) Annual Pension Cost and Net Pension Obligation

The State's annual pension cost and net pension obligation for the Iowa Judicial Retirement System for the current year were as follows:

Annual required contribution	\$ 7,560,981
Interest on net pension obligation	1,064,633
Adjustment to annual required contribution	(1,258,413)
Annual pension cost	 7,367,201
Contributions made	2,039,664
Increase in net pension obligation	5,327,537
Pension obligation beginning of year	8,867,574
Net pension obligation end of year	\$ 14,195,111

For calculation of the net pension obligation, the transition date is July 1, 1995. The net pension obligation was calculated by the actuary as the cumulative difference between the System's annual required contributions and the System's actual contributions for fiscal years 1988 through 2007.

The annual required contribution for the current year was determined as part of the July 1, 2007 actuarial valuation using the projected unit credit actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions included (a) 7.5% investment rate of return and (b) projected salary and inflationary increases of 4.5% per year. The assumptions included post retirement benefit increases in accordance with the law. The actuarial value of assets was determined using the market value of investments. The

unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized using a level dollar amortization method on a closed basis. The remaining amortization period at June 30, 2007 was 20 years.

Three-year trend information:

Year	Ended Pension		Employer	Percentage	Net						
Ended			Pension		Pension		Pension		Contributions	of APC	Pension
June 30,			Made Contributed		Obligation						
2005	\$	4,385,487	2,039,664	47%	6,306,584						
2006		4,600,654	2,039,664	44	8,867,574						
2007		7,367,201	2,039,664	28	14,195,111						

#### (4) Contribution Required and Contribution Made

The contributions to the Iowa Judicial Retirement System were made pursuant to Section 602.9104 of the Code of Iowa and were not actuarially determined. Therefore, actual contributions differ from the annual required contribution described in note 3 above, which is actuarially determined.

The member contribution required and contributed was \$603,804, representing 2.32% of the current year covered payroll. The state contribution required by statute was \$2,039,664. The state share is to be based on 9.16% of the current year covered payroll. Costs of administering the plan are financed through state appropriation, member contributions and investment income.

An actuarial valuation of the System's assets and liabilities is required at least once every four years per Section 602.9116 of the Code of Iowa.

#### (5) Risk Management

State employee benefits for health, dental, long-term disability and life insurance coverage are fully insured through commercial insurers. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage for the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage for the past three fiscal years. The State of Iowa self-insures on behalf of its agencies for losses related to workers' compensation, its motor vehicle fleet, property damage and torts.

A contingent fund exists under Chapter 29C.20 of the Code of Iowa to provide compensation for loss or damage to state property (casualty losses).

#### (6) Amortization Method Change

The Iowa Judicial Retirement System changed its amortization method from an open basis over 30 years for fiscal year 2006 to a closed basis over 20 years for fiscal year 2007. An open basis begins again or is recalculated at each actuarial valuation date. A closed basis is set at a certain number of years and then declines by one in each future valuation date. The period was set at 20 years by the Iowa Legislature in 2006 by Code of Iowa Section 602.9104(4d). The implementation of the closed basis amortization method increased the annual required contribution for fiscal year 2007 by approximately \$490,000.





#### Schedule of Funding Progress Required Supplementary Information

For the Last Six Fiscal Years (in Thousands)

			Α	Actuarial								
	Ac	tuarial	1	Accrued							UAA]	L/
Actuarial	Value of		Liability		Unfunded				Covered		Covered	
Valuation	Assets		(AAL)		AAL (UAAL)		Funded Ratio		Payroll		Payroll	
Date		(a)		(b)		(b-a)	(a/b	)		(c)	((b-a)/c)	
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7/1/2002	\$	67,707	\$	88,051	\$	20,344		77%	\$	19,878	1	102%
7/1/2003		70,018		93,561		23,543		75		20,712	1	.14
7/1/2004		78,023		99,124		21,101		79		20,894	1	.01
7/1/2005		81,605		105,472		23,867		77		20,684	1	.15
7/1/2006		86,110		123,670		37,560		70		24,094	1	.56
7/1/2007		96,613		138,662		42,049		70		24,426	1	.72

The increase in unfunded AAL for the July 1, 2007 valuation was primarily due to a change in the qualifications for retirement effective July 1, 2006.

See Note 3 for additional information on actuarial valuation.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

### Schedule of Employer Contributions Required Supplementary Information

#### For the Last Six Fiscal Years

Year	Annual			
Ended	Required	Actual	Percentage	
June 30,	Contribution	Contribution	Contribution	
2002	\$ 3,738,659	\$ 3,039,198	81%	
2003	4,024,203	2,039,664	51	
2004	4,401,516	2,039,664	46	
2005	4,394,389	2,039,664	46	
2006	4,614,846	2,039,664	44	
2007	7,560,981	2,039,664	27	

See Note 3 for additional information on actuarial valuation.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

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To the Members of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated October 19, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of the control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood a misstatement of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Iowa Judicial Retirement System's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials and employees of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System, citizens of the State of Iowa and other parties to whom the Iowa Judicial Retirement System may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the Iowa Judicial Retirement System during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

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October 19, 2007

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