

In the Supreme Court of Iowa

**In the Matter of Interim
Rules Governing the Filing of
Electronic Documents in the
Iowa Appellate Courts**

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Supervisory Order

The Iowa Judicial Branch continues implementing the electronic document management system (EDMS) across the State of Iowa. The interim “Chapter 16 Rules Pertaining to the use of the Electronic Document Management System” govern the process for using EDMS as it is being implemented. As with electronic trial court filings, special court rules of practice and procedure governing electronic appellate processes are necessary. While the appellate courts are not yet accepting electronic filings, the supreme court has approved rules for electronic filing in the appellate courts.

The appellate courts look forward to initiating electronic appeals in the near future, and the supreme court will issue an order announcing a start date for electronic appellate filing well in advance.

The court invited public comment on proposed EDMS appellate rules and has carefully considered all comments received. The court has approved the electronic appellate filing rules prior to initiation of electronic appellate filing to allow sufficient time for appellate counsel, parties, and clerks of court to become familiar with the rules, and to allow the judicial branch to continue its work implementing the electronic appellate process.

The rules for electronic appellate filing are contained in Division XII of Chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules. **The rules are available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website at:** <http://www.iowacourts.gov/wfData/files/EDMS/OnlineDocumentation/Ch.16AppellateRules040213.pdf>.

The court hereby amends the interim rules of Chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules governing EDMS to include the Division XII rules for appeals to

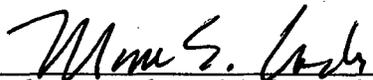
the Iowa appellate courts.

These rules will become effective at a future date upon further order of the court.

Because these rules for electronic appellate filing are not yet in effect and—as with the entirety of Chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules governing EDMS—are interim rules subject to limited application, they shall not be published in the Iowa Court Rules.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2013.

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By 
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice