



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF )
COURT CLOSURE DAYS ) SUPERVISORY ORDER
AND PUBLIC HOURS OF )
CLERK OF COURT OFFICES )

On November 10, 2009, the Iowa Supreme Court ordered all court offices closed and all judicial officers and court staff placed on unpaid leave on ten designated days. Notwithstanding the placement of all judicial officers on unpaid leave on the designated days, the chief judges of the judicial districts were given authority to require certain judges and magistrates to be on call on these court closure days for emergency matters only. Subsequently, on November 17, 2009, the court established by supervisory order the "public office hours" of the clerk of court offices. To further implement and clarify these orders, the court additionally orders, effective immediately:

1. If a deadline imposed by statute or rule for issuing an order, conducting a hearing, including an initial appearance, or sending a notice falls on a day that all court offices are closed by order of this court, the time period for such action shall be extended until 4:30 p.m. of the next day the courts are open.

2. As provided by Iowa Court Rule 22.40, a clerk of court office is open for an entire or whole day for purposes of Iowa Code section 4.1(34) so long as the office is open for the duration of the office's "public business hours" as established by order of this court. For example, if the public business hours of an office are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the office is open for the duration of those hours on a given day, the office is considered open for the whole day and Iowa Code section 4.1(34) is not triggered to extend any deadlines.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2009.

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By Marsha Ternus
Marsha K. Ternus, Chief Justice