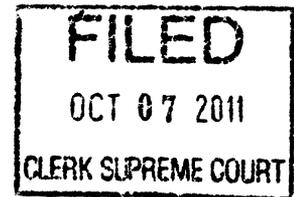


In the Supreme Court of Iowa



**In the Matter of Request for
Public Comment Regarding
Proposed Small Claims
Pleadings Forms**

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The Iowa Supreme Court seeks public comment on proposed small claims pleadings forms. In May of this year, the Iowa Supreme Court appointed the Small Claims Forms Advisory Committee (SCFA Committee) to develop and recommend standard forms that it believes will benefit litigants and facilitate the disposition of small claims cases. The SCFA Committee has worked to develop forms that are streamlined, easy to use, and uniform in appearance, layout, and language. The SCFA Committee has timely presented a new set of small claims pleadings forms that it recommends the court approve to replace the existing forms in Chapter 3 of the Iowa Court Rules—Standard Forms of Pleadings for Small Claims Actions.

The court seeks public comment on the proposed set of small claims pleadings, which upon the court's approval would become the exclusive small claims pleadings forms pursuant to Iowa Code Section 631.15 and would replace existing Chapter 3 of the Iowa Court Rules. The set of forms includes amendments to some current forms and a number of new forms. The proposed forms, with revised numbering, include the following:

- 3.1 Original Notice and Petition for a Money Judgment
- 3.2 Original Notice and Petition for a Money Judgment for Taxes Owing
- 3.3 Original Notice and Petition for a Money Judgment against a Nonresident Motor Vehicle Owner or Operator Defendant
- 3.4 Original Notice and Petition for a Money Judgment against a Foreign Corporation Defendant
- 3.5 Original Notice and Petition for Replevin
- 3.6 Original Notice and Petition for Forcible Entry and Detainer
- 3.7 Original Notice and Petition against Third Party Defendant(s)
- 3.8 Original Notice and Petition for Disposition of Abandoned Property—Chapter 555B

- 3.9 Original Notice and Petition for Intervention
- 3.10 Reserved
- 3.11 Appearance and Answer of Defendant(s)
- 3.12 Appearance and Answer of Third Party Defendant(s)
- 3.13 Counterclaim against Plaintiff(s)
- 3.14 Cross-Claim against a Co-Defendant
- 3.15 Reserved
- 3.16 Application to Condemn Funds
- 3.17 Dismissal
- 3.18 Notice of Garnishment
- 3.19 Motion to Quash Garnishment and Request for Hearing
- 3.20 Affidavit of Property Exempt from Execution
- 3.21 Application for Release and Satisfaction of Judgment
- 3.22 Release and Satisfaction of Judgment
- 3.23 Reserved
- 3.24 Notice of Appeal
- 3.25 Verification of Account, Identification of Judgment Debtor, and Certificate Re Military Service

Any interested organization, agency, or person may submit written comments. For the court to consider comments, it must receive them by the end of the day on **December 22, 2011**. Comments on the proposed new forms shall refer to the specific form and part of the form to which the comments are directed. Comments may be emailed to rules.comment@iowacourts.gov and must state "**Small Claims Forms**" in the subject line of the email. Comments should be sent as an attachment to the email in Microsoft Word format. Comments may also be mailed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2011

THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

By 
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice