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In the Supreme Court of Iowa

Amendments to Iowa Court Rules on Professional Regulation	)))	**Order**

The Iowa Supreme Court adopts amendments to several provisions in Division III (Professional Regulation) of the Iowa Court Rules. The proposal includes amendments relating to:

- internal organization and financial operations of the office of professional regulation (OPR);
- identification of law students practicing under the student practice rule in court pleadings and motions;
- investigation procedure by the commission on the unauthorized practice of law;
- collection of unpaid fees, costs, and penalties owed OPR or any Iowa court by an attorney as part of the annual client security reporting process;
- collection of the costs of special trust account audits when conducted based on specified causes, if the audit shows the account was not in substantial compliance with trust account rules;
- a requirement that sole practitioners have a written plan of succession for their practice;
- limited reciprocity regarding continuing legal education (CLE) attended by attorneys residing outside Iowa and not actually practicing in Iowa;
- credit against the legal ethics CLE attendance requirement for instruction regarding bias in the court system and attorney professional relationships;
- limited CLE credit for attorneys who prepare written materials and speak or serve as a member of a speakers panel at accredited CLE events;
- collection of fees by OPR for preparation of certificates, examination scores, and copies of official records.

After full consideration of the proposed amendments and consideration of public comments received on the proposed amendments, the court finds that the amendments should be adopted.

The court adopts the amendments to the rules of professional regulation contained in Division III of the Iowa Court Rules, as provided with this order.

These amendments will be effective January 1, 2016.

By setting a January 1, 2016, effective date, the amendments to rules 41.9, 42.1, and 42.3 apply to CLE requirements for calendar year 2016. The collection process provided in new rule 39.17 applies to annual client security reports due no later than March 10, 2017.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2015.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

By Mark S. Cady
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice