

In the Iowa Supreme Court

Request for Public Comment on)
Proposed Clarifying Amendments to)
Certain Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure) Order
Relating to Discovery, Scheduling,)
and Expedited Civil Actions)

The Iowa Supreme Court seeks public comment on several proposed clarifying amendments to the discovery reforms, expedited civil action (ECA) rule, and trial scheduling forms that became effective January 1, 2015. The amendments are intended to provide clarification in the following areas, among others:

1. The deadline for ECA election (rule 1.281(1)(c)).
2. The deadline for the discovery conference to occur in cases transferred from small claims court (rule 1.507(1)).
3. The applicability of the discovery moratorium to domestic relations cases when there will be initial disclosures (rule 1.505(1)).
4. The applicability of the discovery moratorium to requests for admissions in addition to other forms of discovery (rule 1.510(1)).
5. The filing of objections to exhibits in pretrial submissions on the rule 23.5 trial scheduling and discovery plans.

Prior to further consideration of the proposed amendments to these rules and forms, the court seeks public comment on the amendments. The proposed amendments are provided with this order and may be found on the Iowa Judicial Branch website at: http://www.iowacourts.gov/About_the_Courts/Supreme_Court/Orders/. In addition, copies are available at the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Judicial Branch Building, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Any interested organization, agency, or person may submit comments

regarding the proposed amendments. All comments must refer to the specific rule number (for example, rule 1.281(1)(c)) and the specific numbered line or lines to which the comments refer. Comments sent by email must be emailed to **rules.comments@iowacourts.gov**, must state **“Proposed ECA and Discovery Rule Amendments”** in the subject line of the email, and must be sent **as an attachment to the email in Microsoft Word format**. Instead of submission by email, comments may be delivered in person or mailed to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Judicial Branch Building, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319.

The deadline for submitting comments is 4:30 p.m. on September 29, 2016.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2016.

The Iowa Supreme Court

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