

**In the Iowa Supreme Court**

**In the Matter of Adopting )  
Clarifying Amendments to Iowa )  
Rules Civil Procedure Relating to )  
Discovery, Scheduling, and )  
Expedited Civil Actions )**

CLERK SUPREME COURT

**Order**

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The Iowa Supreme Court adopts several clarifying amendments to the discovery reforms, expedited civil action (ECA) rule, and trial scheduling forms. The court invited public comment on these amendments in August and September of 2016. No comments were submitted regarding the amendments.

The amendments provide clarification in the following areas, including:

1. For the deadline of ECA election (rule 1.281(1)(c)), “Eligible plaintiffs must file the certification before the discovery conference deadline under rule 1.507(1).”
2. The deadline for the discovery conference to occur in cases transferred from small claims court (rule 1.507(1)), “as soon as practicable, but no later than 21 days after the date the case is docketed in the district court.”
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—Forms 2 and 3 trial scheduling and discovery plans.

These amendments to the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure are provided with this order. The amendments are subject to Legislative Council review consistent with the provisions of Iowa Code section 602.4202.

The effective date of these amendments is January 1, 2019.

Dated this 7th day of March, 2018.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By Mark S. Cady  
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