

In the Iowa Supreme Court

**Request for Public Comment)
on Proposed Amendments to)
Chapter 41, Continuing Legal)
Education for Lawyers, and)
Chapter 42, Continuing Legal)
Education Regulations)**

CLERK SUPREME COURT

Order

The Office of Professional Regulation has submitted to the Iowa Supreme Court proposed amendments to Iowa Court Rules chapter 41, Continuing Legal Education for Lawyers, and chapter 42, Continuing Legal Education Regulations. Prior to taking further action, the supreme court seeks public comment on the proposed amendments.

The proposed amendments include:

- Discontinuing the ethics requirement of three hours of legal ethics every two calendar years and instead require Iowa’s attorneys to attend one hour of legal ethics every calendar year.
- Adding a new requirement that Iowa’s attorneys attend one hour of continuing legal education (“CLE”) on the subject of either attorney wellness or diversity and inclusion every calendar year.
- Increasing the fee charged for CLE reporting extensions from \$25 to \$100.
- Updating CLE requirements for formerly inactive practitioners reentering the practice of law.

The proposed amendments to Iowa Court Rules chapter 41, Continuing Legal Education for Lawyers, and chapter 42, Continuing Legal Education Regulations, are provided with this order and are available on the judicial branch website at <https://www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/supreme-court/orders/>. In addition, copies of the proposed amendments are available at the office of the Clerk of the Iowa Supreme Court.

The supreme court's request for public comment does not imply that the court will adopt any proposed amendment without further consideration.

Any interested organization, agency, or person may submit written comments. Comments about a proposed rule amendment must refer to the specific rule number and line number (for example, rule 41.3(2), lines 16–17). Email comments must be sent to **rules.comments@iowacourts.gov**, must state **“CLE 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 Iowa Supreme Court, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319.

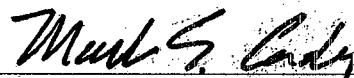
Any comments received may be posted on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.

The deadline for submitting comments is 4:30 p.m. on September 30, 2019.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2019.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

By



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