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In the Iowa Supreme Court

**In the Matter of Adopting)
Amendments to Chapter 16)
Allowing Court Interpreter)
Access to Case Documents)**

Order CLERK SUPREME COURT

On May 29, 2020, the Language Access in the Courts Advisory Committee submitted its recommendations to the supreme court regarding language access priorities for the 2021 fiscal year. One of the committee's recommendations was to allow court interpreters access to public court documents filed in cases. Allowing court interpreters access to documents prior to scheduled hearings, trials, and other legal proceedings will provide court interpreters with the ability to understand the background of a case and enable the court interpreter to better facilitate communication. In order to implement court interpreter access to public court documents, the supreme court amends chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules to designate court interpreters as specialized nonparty users on the Iowa Judicial Branch electronic document management system (EDMS).

The amendments to chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules provided with this order are effective January 1, 2021, subject to Legislative Council review consistent with the provisions of Iowa Code section 602.4202.

Dated this 26th day of August, 2020.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By 

Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice

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