

In the Iowa Supreme Court

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In the Matter of Resuming)
Family Law Trials Postponed by) **Second Amendment to July 9,**
COVID-19) **2020 Order**

On July 9, 2020, the supreme court filed an order pertaining to the resumption of family law trials postponed by COVID-19.¹ On September 29, the court filed an amendment to the July 9 order, amending Section V.² With this order, the court amends Section III of the July 9 order, modifying the mediation–judicial settlement conference deadline, as well as Section V, regarding the use of the court’s report form.

Section III of the July 9 order is amended as follows:

2. ~~Mediation or judicial settlement conference~~ of all cases filed after the procedures are issued shall be completed within 120 days ~~of filing~~ after service of the original notice and petition (or a complete signed Stipulation resolving all issues must be filed within the 120 days); judicial districts conducting judicial settlement conferences instead of mandatory mediation shall complete conferences no later than 14 days before trial;

Section V, paragraph 1, of the July 9 order is amended as follows:

Within seven days of the completion of the mediation, an attorney or party shall submit a mediation report to the district court. A mediation–judicial settlement conference report form is required to be used and is attached to this order. Judges conducting settlement conferences ~~are encouraged to~~ shall submit or direct the parties to submit an equivalent the mediation–judicial settlement conference report form attached to this order.

The court also amends the report form. The amended form is attached to this order.

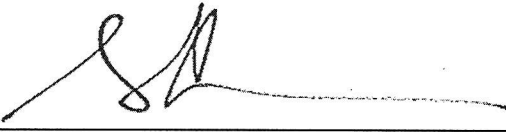
These amendments are effective immediately.

¹<https://www.iowacourts.gov/collections/523/files/1141/embedDocument/>

²<https://www.iowacourts.gov/collections/523/files/1234/embedDocument/>

Dated this 12th day of February, 2021.

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