

In the Iowa Supreme Court

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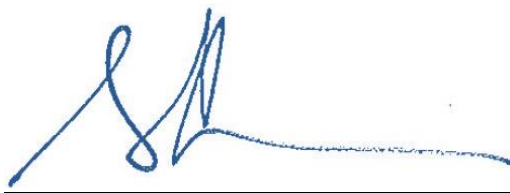
In the Matter of Ongoing Provisions)
For Coronavirus/COVID-19 Impact)
on Court Services and Rule 1.944)

May 24, 2021 Order

In accordance with Iowa Rule of Civil Procedure 1.944(1), the supreme court recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on judicial branch services constitute an “unusual circumstance.” Consequently, all cases currently subject to dismissal under rule 1.944(2) if not tried before January 1, 2022, are provided a one time, one-year automatic extension of the deadline for commencement of trial through December 31, 2022. Rule 1.944(2) notices will not be issued this year for such cases and parties to such cases are not required to file an application for removal from the operation of rule 1.944(2). In 2022, the judicial branch will resume issuing rule 1.944(2) notices in accordance with the normal operation of the rule for all cases that have been pending over one year as of July 15, 2022. The court will continue to monitor circumstances and update this order as necessary.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2021.

THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

By 

Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice

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