

## In the Iowa Supreme Court

**Request for Public Comment on Proposed Amendment to Iowa Court Rule chapter 46—Rules of the Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters****Order**

The Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters (Board) has recommended amendments to Iowa Court Rule 46 to allow individuals who have graduated from an approved National Court Reporters Association program to become a certified shorthand reporter in Iowa upon application to the Board and successfully passing the written examination concerning a reporter's duties, Iowa legal procedure, and correct English usage at 70 percent or better. The amendments would also add a written knowledge test requirement for certain inactive practitioners seeking reinstatement and adding a retesting disciplinary sanction option for the Board.

Prior to taking further action, the supreme court seeks public comment on the Board's recommended rule amendment. The supreme court's request for public comment does not imply that the court will adopt any proposed amendment without further consideration.

The proposed amendments to Iowa Court Rule 46.2 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.

Any interested organization, agency, or person may submit written comments. Comments about a proposed rule amendment must refer to the specific line rule number and line of text (for example, "Rule 46.2, line 27"). **Email comments must be sent to [rules.comments@iowacourts.gov](mailto:rules.comments@iowacourts.gov), state "Shorthand Reporters" in the subject line of the email, and 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 **November 15, 2021**.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2021.

**The Iowa Supreme Court**

By:   
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Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice

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