

In the Iowa Supreme Court

In the Matter of Adoption of Amendments to Chapters 31, 34, 35, 36, 41, 45, and 46 in Division III, Professional Regulation, of the Iowa Court Rules

Order

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The Iowa Supreme Court adopts amendments to chapters 31, 34, 35, 36, 41, 45, and 46 contained in Division III of the Iowa Court Rules. The Iowa Supreme Court Office of Professional Regulation recommends the amendments, which are primarily technical in nature or clarify existing rule provisions.


The court highlights the following changes included in these amendments:

- Chapter 31: Deletion of the local bar association and county attorney inquiry as part of the Board of Law Examiners investigation of bar applicants.
- Chapter 34: Adding an additional term for grievance commissioners; delaying the “start date” of disciplinary suspensions; and amending the phrase “automatic reinstatement” to “reinstatement without hearing.”
- Chapter 35: Amending “assistant director” to “director.”
- Chapter 36: Providing a “start date” for supreme court-imposed suspensions.
- Chapter 41: Correcting an internal rule reference.
- Chapter 45: Requiring identification and safeguarding of property of clients or third persons; adding a definition of “three way reconciliation”; and clarifying the handling of lawyer trust accounts.
- Chapter 46: Requiring certified shorthand reporters inactive for more than three years to take a written knowledge exam; and allowing the Certified Shorthand Reporter Board to require skills retesting in lieu of suspension.

The amendments provided with this order are effective October 1, 2022.

Dated this 19th day of September, 2022.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By: 
Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice