

In the Iowa Supreme Court

In the Matter of Amendments to Chapter 4 of the Iowa Court Rules	Order
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The Iowa Supreme Court adopts amendments to chapter 4 of the Iowa Court Rules to remove the form protective and no contact orders from the published version of the court rules. The form orders, however, will remain listed by name and court rule number as the required form orders Iowa judges and magistrates must use. The template form orders have been available for magistrates and judges to use statewide beginning May of this year. Since then, feedback from judges, magistrates, and clerks of court has resulted in additional improvements to the template orders.


Revised chapter 4 of the Iowa Court Rules is structured by division to clearly delineate the form orders judges and magistrates must use according to the nature of the matter before the court. The chapter sets forth the following divisions and rules:

- DIVISION I: Rule 4.100 “Form orders for elder abuse civil protective orders” sets forth orders 4.101-.104 for Iowa Code section 235F matters.
- DIVISION II: Rule 4.200 “Form orders for domestic abuse civil protective orders” sets forth orders 4.201-.204 for Iowa Code section 236 matters.
- DIVISION III: Rule 4.300 “Form orders for sexual abuse civil abuse protective orders” sets forth orders 4.301-.304 for Iowa Code section 236A matters.
- DIVISION IV: Rule 4.400 “Form orders for civil protective orders in dissolution actions” sets forth orders 4.401-.404 for Iowa Code section 598 matters.
- DIVISION V: Rule 4.500 “Form orders for criminal no contact orders” sets forth orders 4.501-.505 for Iowa Code section 664 matters.

The amended chapter 4 of the Iowa Court Rules is provided with this order and is effective December 1, 2022. Current chapter 4 template form orders are available to judges and magistrates from Template Builder under the Notice I.D. “YDA.”

Dated this 29th day of November, 2022.

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By: 

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