

**In the Iowa Supreme Court**

**In the Matter of Adoption of Amendments to Chapters 34, 35, 39, 41, 45, and 46 in Division III, Professional Regulation, of the Iowa Court Rules**

**Order**

The Iowa Supreme Court adopts amendments to chapters 34, 35, 39, 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 34: Rule 34.17 is amended to provide that clerks of court must certify adjudications of commitment to the attorney disciplinary board instead of the clerk of the supreme court.
- Chapter 35: The amendments update internal rule references in rules 35.6 and 35.7.
- Chapter 39: The five-year period during which attorneys in legacy inactive status could switch to exempt status expired December 31, 2022. The amendment of rule 39.7(4)(d) allows legacy inactive status attorneys to apply for reinstatement of their license to practice.

Rule 39.8(2) is amended to give the court discretion to hold a hearing for attorneys to show cause why they should not be suspended for failure to submit required Client Security Commission annual filings.


Rule 39.10(7)(d) is amended to clarify an internal rule reference.

- Chapter 41: Rule 41.5 is amended to give the court discretion to hold a hearing for attorneys to show cause why they should not be suspended for failure to submit required CLE filings.
- Chapter 45: Rule 45.2(3) is amended to clarify the requirement for attorneys to keep a running balance on trust accounts.
- Chapter 46: The amendments adopt two recommendations from the Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters (board): (1) to allow selection of the secretary of the board at the first meeting of the fiscal year, whenever that may occur; and (2) to increase the annual renewal fee to \$100.

The amendments, provided with this order, are effective upon filing of the order.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2023.

**The Iowa Supreme Court**

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Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice