

In the Iowa Supreme Court

In the Matter of Adoption of Amendments to Chapters 34, 35, 39, 41, and 42 in Division III, Professional Regulation, of the Iowa Court Rules

Order

The Iowa Supreme Court adopts amendments to chapters 34, 35, 39, 41, and 42 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.** Rules governing the reinstatement process from attorney suspensions are streamlined into three rules: Rule 34.24 addresses reinstatement from suspension of 60 days or fewer; rule 34.25 addresses reinstatement from suspension of more than 60 days; and rule 34.26 addresses reinstatement from suspension for failure to satisfy annual reporting requirements and fees, also known as administrative suspension. Rule 34.27 addresses readmission from revocation of license. In addition, comments in the chapter concerning a 2016 renumbering of rules are removed as no longer necessary.
- **Chapter 35.** Rule 35.7(3)(i) is amended to change the fee to \$200 for reinstatement from suspension for failure to respond to a complaint from the Iowa Supreme Court Attorney Disciplinary Board.
- **Chapter 39.** The amendments primarily conform rule numbering in the chapter to be consistent with consolidation of reinstatement rules into chapter 34 for suspension due to failure to satisfy client security commission reporting requirements.
- **Chapter 41.** The amendments primarily conform rule numbering in the chapter to be consistent with consolidation of reinstatement rules into chapter 34 for suspension due to failure to satisfy continuing legal education reporting requirements.

- **Chapter 42.** Regarding reinstatement of inactive practitioners, rule 42.7 is amended to include continuing legal education hours for attorney wellness and diversity and inclusion.

The amendments, which are provided with this order, are effective January 1, 2024.

Dated this 12th day of December, 2023.

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By: 

Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice