

and 1.507; making minor wording changes to clarify parts of the comments to rules 1.500(3)(a) and (b); clarifying the last sentence of the comment to rule 1.507; clarifying the last two sentences of rule 1.906; and adding a comment to rule 1.906.

3. Rule 1.901—Form 18 and Rule 23.5—Forms 1-3: Removing “Order” from form titles and internal form references; and revising instructional language on the forms to accommodate this change.

Pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code section 602.4202, the revisions identified in this order, with the ECA rule, discovery amendments, chapter one forms, and chapter 23 rule amendments and forms, will take effect January 1, 2015. All actions filed on or after January 1, 2015, will be subject to the new rules and forms.

In addition, as set forth previously in the court’s August 28 order, the discovery amendments will apply to all previously-commenced cases *pending* on or after January 1, 2015, except for Iowa R. Civ. P. 1.500 (required disclosures), Iowa R. Civ. P. 1.505(1) (timing of discovery), Iowa R. Civ. P. 1.507 (discovery conference), Iowa R. Civ. P. 1.508 (expert discovery), and Iowa R. Civ. P. 1.906 (civil trial setting conference), provided further that the district court may in any case direct the parties to comply with all or part of those rules as part of a pretrial order. Furthermore, the district court may, upon stipulation of the parties, direct that an action commenced prior to January 1, 2015, proceed as an expedited civil action.

Dated this 30th day of October, 2014.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

By Mark S. Cady
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