

In the Iowa Supreme Court

Request for Public Comment on Proposed Amendments to Chapter 6 of the Iowa Court Rules, Rules for Appellate Procedure	Order
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On September 15, 2020, the Iowa Supreme Court established the Iowa Rules of Appellate Procedure Review Task Force. The supreme court charged the task force with performing a comprehensive review of chapter 6 of the Iowa Court Rules, Rules of Appellate Procedure. The appellate rules have not undergone a comprehensive review since 2008.

The task force is comprised of the following justices, judges, and attorneys:

- Honorable Dana Oxley, Justice, Iowa Supreme Court, Swisher, Cochair
- Honorable David May, Justice, Iowa Supreme Court, Polk City, Cochair
- Honorable Paul Ahlers, Judge, Iowa Court of Appeals, Fort Dodge
- Honorable Tyler Buller, Judge, Iowa Court of Appeals, Johnston
- Kodi Brotherson, attorney, Sac City
- Donna Humpal, attorney, Clerk, Iowa Appellate Courts, Des Moines
- Ryan Koopmans, attorney, Des Moines
- Martha Lucey, attorney, Des Moines
- Christine Mayberry, attorney, Deputy Clerk, Iowa Appellate Courts, Des Moines
- Benjamin Parrot, attorney, Urbandale
- Nancy Penner, attorney, Cedar Rapids
- Mikkie Schiltz, attorney, Davenport
- Alesha Sigmeth Roberts, attorney, Clarion
- Leon Spies, attorney, Iowa City
- Jeffrey Thompson, attorney, Des Moines
- Scott Wadding, attorney, Des Moines
- Mathew Zinkula, attorney, Iowa Supreme Court, Waukee

The task force has completed its comprehensive review of chapter 6 and has made recommendations to the supreme court for revisions to the Iowa Rules

of Appellate Procedure. The proposed rule revisions reflect the overall work of the task force, although not every task force member agreed with every change.

A redline of chapter 6 showing all of the proposed revisions is provided with this order. A summary of the substantive revisions is also provided with this order; however, the summary is only intended as a guide and is not authoritative, binding, or comprehensive.

The supreme court has reviewed the task force's proposed revisions; before taking further action, the supreme court seeks public comment on the proposed revisions. The supreme court has not approved the proposed rule revisions; rather, the court seeks public comment before taking further action. The supreme court's request for public comment does not imply that the court will adopt any proposed rules without further consideration.

The proposed rules and summary are provided with this order and are available on the judicial branch website at <http://www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/supreme-court/orders/>. In addition, copies of the proposed rules and summary are available at the office of the Clerk of the Iowa Supreme Court.


Any interested organization, agency, or person may submit written comments. Comments about a proposed rule must refer to the specific rule number and line number (for example, "rule 6.702(3), lines 12-14"). Emailed comments must be sent to **rules.comments@iowacourts.gov**, must state **"Chapter 6 Amendments"** in the subject line of the email, and must be sent **as an attachment to the email in Microsoft Word format**. Comments may be delivered in person or mailed to the Clerk of the Iowa Supreme Court, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Any comments received may be posted on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.

The deadline for submitting comments is 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2023.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By: 

Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice