

## In the Iowa Supreme Court

**Request for Public Comment** )  
**on Proposed Amendments to** )  
**Chapter 32, Iowa Rules of** )  
**Professional Conduct** )

CLERK SUPREME COURT  
**Order**

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On December 4, 2018, the American Bar Association (ABA) released its updated Model Rules of Professional Conduct. The Iowa Supreme Court is considering adoption of the updated Model Rules by amending chapter 32, Iowa Rules of Professional Conduct, in the Iowa Court Rules to conform to the ABA's latest model rules. Prior to taking further action, the supreme court seeks public comment on the proposed rules.

The updates consist of the following types of amendments:

- (1) citations and cross-references within chapter 32 have been reviewed and updated;
- (2) the word "rule" has been changed to "rules" throughout chapter 32 where appropriate;
- (3) the word "ensure" has been changed to "assure" throughout chapter 32 to conform to the ABA's Model Rules;
- (4) the rule headings in rules 32:1.4, 32:5.1, 32:7.2, 32:7.4, and 32:7.5 have been modified to conform to the headings in the ABA's Model Rules; and
- (5) substantive changes to the text or comments or both were made to the following rules:
  - 32:3.8 (Special Responsibilities of a Prosecutor)
  - 32:5.5 (Unauthorized Practice of Law; Multijurisdictional Practice of Law)
  - 32:7.1 (Communications Concerning a Lawyer's Services)
  - 32:7.2 (formerly, Advertising)

- 32:7.3 (Solicitation of Clients)
- 32:7.4 (formerly, Communication of Fields of Practice and Specialization)
- 32:7.5 (formerly, Firm Names and Letterheads)
- 32:8.4 (Misconduct)
- 32:8.5 (Disciplinary Authority; Choice of Law)

The proposed amendments to Iowa Court Rules chapter 32, Iowa Rules of Professional Conduct, are provided with this order and are available on the judicial branch website at <https://www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/supreme-court/orders/>. In addition, copies of the proposed amendments are available at the office of the Clerk of the Iowa Supreme Court.

The supreme court's request for public comment does not imply that the court will adopt any proposed amendment without further consideration.

Any interested organization, agency, or person may submit written comments. Comments about a proposed rule amendment must refer to the specific rule number and line number (for example, rule 32:5.5(d)(1), lines 18–22). Email comments must be sent to **rules.comments@iowacourts.gov**, must state “**Chapter 32 Amendments**” in the subject line of the email, and must be sent **as an attachment to the email in Microsoft Word format**. Instead of submission by email, 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 September 30, 2019.**

Dated this 1st day of August, 2019.

**The Supreme Court of Iowa**

By Mark S. Cady  
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