

In the Iowa Supreme Court

In the Matter of changes to Chapter 17 of the Iowa Court Rules and adoption of Domestic, Elder, and Sexual Abuse Forms for Self-Represented Litigants	Order
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The Iowa Supreme Court adopts changes to chapter 17 of the Iowa Court Rules as well as self-represented litigant forms for domestic, elder, and sexual abuse matters.

I. General changes to chapter 17 of the Iowa Court Rules

Chapter 17 of the Iowa Court Rules includes self-represented litigant forms for dissolution of marriage actions without minor or dependent children under rule 17.100, for dissolution of marriage actions with dependent children under rule 17.200, for modifying child support actions under rule 17.300, and for child custody and visitation matters for unmarried parents under rule 17.400. Each rule includes a complete set of forms for each type of case and directs that unrepresented parties must use those court forms. Attorneys may use the forms but are not required to do so.

Each rule in chapter 17 sets forth each form under the rule in its entirety. Each self-represented litigant form is also available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website in a fillable and savable .pdf format. The judicial branch is in the process of developing interactive or guided interview versions of these forms, also available on www.iowacourts.gov.

The supreme court is amending chapter 17 to remove the forms from the published version of the Iowa Court Rules. The forms, however, will remain listed by name and court rule number as the approved court forms available on the judicial branch website, which unrepresented litigants must use in the type of matter.

Removing the forms themselves from the court rules will facilitate making adjustments to the forms without having to undergo the formal rule publication process. This will enable the court to be more nimble, timely, and responsive in making necessary adjustments to the forms on the judicial branch website. This will also significantly lessen the number of pages of the Legislative Services Agency's publication of the Iowa Court Rules in book form.

The amended chapter 17 of the Iowa Court Rules is provided with this order and is effective December 1, 2022. The chapter 17 forms remain currently effective.

II. Adoption of domestic, elder, and sexual abuse litigant forms

The supreme court approves domestic, elder, and sexual abuse forms as set forth in the revised chapter 17 of the Iowa Court Rules provided with this order.

The forms have been in use for some time and available in a fillable and savable .pdf format from the Iowa Judicial Branch website at www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/court-forms/. The fillable and savable forms were updated in March 2022. Since then, the branch has made additional updates to the forms based on feedback from judges, clerks of court, attorneys, service providers, and litigants. The court-approved forms are listed in the revised chapter 17 of the Iowa Court Rules and must be used by unrepresented persons in domestic, elder, and sexual abuse matters. Attorneys may and are encouraged to use the listed forms.

- Iowa Court Rule 17.10 lists the forms for required use in domestic abuse matters.
- Iowa Court Rule 17.20 lists the forms for required use in elder abuse matters.


- Iowa Court Rule 17.30 lists the forms for required use in sexual abuse matters.

The new chapter 17 rules refer users to the Iowa Judicial Branch website, which contains the approved forms in fillable and savable .pdf format. The judicial branch is also working to provide each set of forms in interactive or guided interview versions which will also be available at www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/court-forms/. Similar to removal of the aforementioned dissolution forms from the court rules, providing approved domestic, elder, and sexual abuse litigant forms on the website will allow easier and more timely adjustments to the forms, providing better service for unrepresented Iowans.

New Iowa Court Rules 17.10, 17.20, and 17.30 are provided with this order and are effective December 1, 2022. The self-represented litigant forms under those rules are currently available for use on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2022.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By: 

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CHAPTER 17
FORMS FOR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS

Rule 17.1 Use of forms; mandatory for self-represented litigants. ~~An individual who is~~ Persons not represented by an ~~without~~ attorney representation in ~~a legal proceeding actions~~ covered under this chapter must use the forms contained listed in this chapter and available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website at: www.iowacourts.gov. ~~An attorney~~ Attorneys may use these forms but ~~is~~ are not required to do so.

Rules 17.2 to ~~17.99~~ 17.9 Reserved.

Rule 17.10 Forms for relief from domestic abuse. Persons without attorney representation in legal actions seeking protection from domestic abuse under Iowa Code chapter 236 must use the forms listed in this rule. The forms are available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website at: www.iowacourts.gov.

- Form 11: Petition for Relief from Domestic Abuse
- Form 12: Petition for Relief from Domestic Abuse on Behalf of a Minor Child
- Form 13: Petition for Relief from Domestic Abuse on Behalf of a Ward or Protected Person
- Form 14: Protected Information Disclosure
- Form 15: Information Sheet for Protective Order Registry and Service of Protective Orders
- Form 16: Affidavit to Start Contempt Proceedings for Violation of a Domestic Abuse Protective Order
- Form 17: Request to Modify, Cancel, or Extend a Domestic Abuse Final Protective Order
- Form 18: Firearms Compliance Affidavit
- Form 19: Firearms Transfer Affidavit

Rules 17.11 to 17.19 Reserved

Rule 17.20 Forms for relief from elder abuse. Persons without attorney representation in legal actions seeking protection from elder abuse under Iowa Code chapter 235F must use the forms listed in this rule. The forms are available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website at: www.iowacourts.gov.

- Form 11: Petition for Relief from Elder Abuse
- Form 12: Protected Information Disclosure

Form 13:	<u>Information Sheet for Protective Order Registry and Service of Protective Orders</u>
Form 14:	<u>Affidavit to Start Contempt Proceedings for Violation of an Elder Abuse Protective Order</u>
Form 15:	<u>Request to Modify, Cancel, or Extend an Elder Abuse Final Protective Order</u>
Form 16:	<u>Firearms Compliance Affidavit</u>
Form 17:	<u>Firearms Transfer Affidavit</u>

Rules 17.21 to 17.29 Reserved

Rule 17.30 Forms for relief from sexual abuse. Persons without attorney representation in legal actions seeking protection from sexual abuse under Iowa Code chapter 236A must use the forms listed in this rule. The forms are available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website at: www.iowacourts.gov.

Form 11:	<u>Petition for Relief from Sexual Abuse</u>
Form 12:	<u>Petition for Relief from Sexual Abuse on Behalf of Minor Child</u>
Form 13:	<u>Petition for Relief from Sexual Abuse on Behalf of Ward or Protected Person</u>
Form 14:	<u>Protected Information Disclosure</u>
Form 15:	<u>Information Sheet for Protective Order Registry & Service of Protective Orders</u>
Form 16:	<u>Affidavit to Start Contempt Proceedings for Violation of a Sexual Abuse Protective Order</u>
Form 17:	<u>Request to Modify, Cancel, or Extend a Sexual Abuse Final Protective Order</u>
Form 18:	<u>Firearms Compliance Affidavit</u>
Form 19:	<u>Firearms Transfer Affidavit</u>

Rules 17.31 to 17.99 Reserved

Rule 17.100 Family law forms for dissolution of marriage without minor or dependent adult children. ~~The following forms are for use~~Persons without attorney representation in dissolution of marriage (divorce) actions without children under the age of 18 who are children of both spouses to the marriage, or children under the age of 18 who were adopted or born during the marriage,

or children 18 years of age or older who are children of both spouses to the marriage and still need support must use the forms listed in this rule. These forms cannot be used if a spouse of the marriage is pregnant. These forms are available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website at: www.iowacourts.gov.

Form 101:	Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with no Minor or Dependent Adult Children
Form 102:	Petition Cover Sheet for a Dissolution of Marriage with no Minor or Dependent Adult Children
Form 103:	Confidential Information Form
Form 104:	Original Notice for Personal Service
Form 104a:	Original Notice for Personal Service
Form 105:	Acceptance of Service
Form 106:	Directions for Service of Original Notice
Form 107:	Motion and Affidavit to Serve by Publication
Form 108:	Original Notice by Publication
Form 109:	Application and Affidavit to Defer Payment of Costs
Form 110:	Affidavit of Service of Original Notice and Petition for Dissolution of Marriage
Form 111:	Protected Information Disclosure
Forms 112 to 114:	Reserved
Form 115:	Answer to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with no Minor or Dependent Adult Children
Form 116:	General Answer to a Petition
Forms 117 to 121:	Reserved
Form 122:	Motion in a Dissolution of Marriage with no Minor or Dependent Adult Children
Form 123:	Response to a Motion
Form 124:	Financial Affidavit for a Dissolution of Marriage with no Minor or Dependent Adult Children
Form 125:	Affidavit of Mailing Notice
Form 126:	Notice of Intent to File Written Application for Default Decree
Form 127:	Request for Relief in a Dissolution of Marriage with no Minor or Dependent Adult Children

Form 128: Settlement Agreement for a Dissolution of Marriage with no Minor or Dependent Adult Children

Forms 129 to 200: Reserved

Rules 17.101 to 17.199 Reserved.

Rule 17.200 Family law forms for dissolution of marriage with dependent children. ~~The following forms are for~~ Persons without attorney representation use in dissolution of marriage (divorce) actions with children under the age of 18 who are children of both spouses to the marriage, or children under the age of 18 who were adopted or born during the marriage, or children 18 years of age or older who are children of both spouses to the marriage and are dependent or still need support must use the forms listed in this rule. These forms must also be used if a spouse of the marriage is pregnant. These forms are available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website at: www.iowacourts.gov.

Form 201: Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Children

Form 202: Petition Cover Sheet for a Dissolution of Marriage with Children

Form 203: Confidential Information Form

Form 204: Original Notice for Personal Service

Form 204a: Original Notice for Personal Service

Form 205: Acceptance of Service

Form 206: Directions for Service of Original Notice

Form 207: Motion and Affidavit to Serve by Publication

Form 208: Original Notice by Publication

Form 209: Application and Affidavit to Defer Payment of Costs

Form 210: Affidavit of Service of Original Notice and Petition for Dissolution of Marriage

Form 211: Protected Information Disclosure

Form 212: Joint Statement on Legal Parent

Form 213: Motion to Disestablish Legal Parent

Form 214: Reserved

Form 215: Answer to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Children

Form 216: General Answer to a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Children

Forms 217 to 220: Reserved

Form 221: Affidavit for Temporary Custody and Visitation

Form 222: Motion in a Dissolution of Marriage with Children

Form 223: Response to a Motion

Form 224: Financial Affidavit for a Dissolution of Marriage with Children

Form 225: Affidavit of Mailing Notice

Form 226: Notice of Intent to File Written Application for Default Decree

Form 227: Request for Relief in a Dissolution of Marriage with Children

Form 228: Settlement Agreement for a Dissolution of Marriage with Children

Form 229: Agreed Parenting Plan

Form 230: Proposed Parenting Plan

Forms 231 to 300: Reserved

Rules 17.201 to 17.299 Reserved.

Rule 17.300 Forms for modifying child support. ~~The following forms are for Persons without attorney representation use in legal~~ actions to modify a current child support order from an Iowa court must use the forms listed in this rule. These forms are available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website at: www.iowacourts.gov.

Form 301: Application to Modify Child Support

Form 302: Cover Sheet for an Application to Modify Child Support

Form 303: Confidential Information Form

Form 304: Original Notice for Personal Service

Form 304a: Original Notice for Personal Service

Form 305: Acceptance of Service

Form 306: Directions for Service of Original Notice

Forms 307 and 308: Reserved

Form 309: Application and Affidavit to Defer Payment of Costs

- Form 310: Affidavit of Service of Original Notice and Application to Modify Child Support
- Form 311: Protected Information Disclosure
- Forms 312 to 314: Reserved
- Form 315: Answer to Application to Modify Child Support
- Form 316: General Answer to Application to Modify Child Support
- Forms 317 to 321: Reserved
- Form 322: Motion in a Child Support Modification
- Form 323: Response to a Motion in a Child Support Modification
- Form 324: Child Support Modification Financial Statement
- Form 325: Affidavit of Mailing Notice
- Form 326: Notice of Intent to File Written Application for Default Decree
- Form 327: Request for Relief in a Child Support Modification
- Form 328: Settlement Agreement on an Application to Modify Child Support
- Forms 329 to 400: Reserved

Rule 17.400 Child custody and visitation forms for unmarried parents. ~~The following forms are for~~ Persons without attorney representation in legal actions determining child custody and visitation terms for unmarried parents of children under the age of 18 who are children of both parties, or children under age 18 whom the parties have adopted, or children 18 years of age or older who are children of both parties and are dependent or still need support must use the forms listed in this rule. Parties also must use these forms if a party is pregnant with the other party's child. Parties cannot use these forms if the parties were ever married to each other. These forms are available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website at: www.iowacourts.gov.

- Form 401: Petition for Custody and Visitation (Parents not Married)
- Form 402: Petition Cover Sheet for Custody and Visitation
- Form 403: Confidential Information Form
- Form 404: Original Notice for Personal Service
- Form 404a: Original Notice for Personal Service
- Form 405: Acceptance of Service

Form 406: Directions for Service of Original Notice
Form 407: Motion and Affidavit to Serve by Publication
Form 408: Original Notice by Publication
Form 408a: Proof of Service by Publication
Form 409: Application and Affidavit to Defer Payment of Costs
Form 410: Affidavit of Service of Original Notice and Petition for Custody and Visitation
Form 411: Protected Information Disclosure
Form 412: Joint Statement to Disestablish Legal Parent
Form 413: Motion to Disestablish Legal Parent
Form 414: Reserved
Form 415: Answer to Petition for Custody and Visitation
Form 416: General Answer to a Petition for Custody and Visitation
Forms 417 to 420: Reserved
Form 421: Affidavit for Temporary Custody and Visitation
Form 422: Motion in a Custody and Visitation Case
Form 423: Response to a Motion in a Custody and Visitation Case
Form 424: Custody and Visitation Financial Statement
Form 425: Affidavit of Mailing Notice
Form 426: Notice of Intent to File Written Application for Default Decree
Form 427: Request for Relief in a Custody and Visitation Case
Form 428: Settlement Agreement for Custody and Visitation
Form 429: Agreed Parenting Plan
Form 430: Proposed Parenting Plan
Forms 431 to 500: Reserved