

CHAPTER 1110

PRO SE FILINGS BY CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS OR POSTCONVICTION RELIEF APPLICANTS REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL

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AN ACT relating to documents that may be filed pro se by a defendant represented by counsel or an applicant for postconviction relief represented by counsel.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 814.6A, subsections 1 and 3](#), Code 2022, are amended to read as follows:

1. A Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 3](#), a defendant who is currently represented by counsel shall not file any pro se document, including a brief, reply brief, or motion, in any Iowa court. The court shall not consider, and opposing counsel shall not respond to, such pro se filings.

3. A defendant currently represented by counsel may file ~~a pro se motion seeking disqualification of the counsel, which a court may grant upon a showing of good cause~~ the following pro se documents:

a. A pro se motion seeking disqualification of the counsel, which a court may grant upon a showing of good cause.

b. A pro se notice of appeal.

c. A pro se response to a motion to withdraw pursuant to [rule of appellate procedure 6.1005](#).

Sec. 2. [Section 822.3A, subsections 1 and 3](#), Code 2022, are amended to read as follows:

1. ~~An~~ Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 3](#), an applicant seeking relief under [section 822.2](#) who is currently represented by counsel shall not file any pro se document, including an application, brief, reply brief, or motion, in any Iowa court. The court shall not consider, and opposing counsel shall not respond to, such pro se filings.

3. A represented applicant for postconviction relief may file ~~a pro se motion seeking disqualification of counsel, which a court may grant upon a showing of good cause~~ the following pro se documents:

a. A pro se motion seeking disqualification of counsel, which a court may grant upon a showing of good cause.

b. A pro se notice of appeal.

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