

In the Supreme Court of Iowa

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**In the Matter of Establishment)
of the Iowa Business Specialty)
Court)**

Supervisory Order

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On December 21, 2012, the Iowa Judicial Branch implemented the Iowa Business Specialty Court Pilot Project (business court). The business court is designed to operate within the framework of the existing Iowa court system with minimal impact on the balance of court operations. It is intended to establish a separately managed docket within Iowa’s unified court system that will leverage judicial expertise and litigants’ desire to tailor case management practices best suited for resolving substantial business disputes fairly and expeditiously.

The “Memorandum of Operation” (memorandum) for the business court outlines a three-year pilot program that is set to expire May 1, 2016. The memorandum also requires the state court administrator to provide an annual evaluative report. The annual reports are available on the judicial branch website at: http://www.iowacourts.gov/About_the_Courts/Specialty_Courts/Business_Court/Pilot_Project_Evaluations/. The most recent evaluation reveals that attorneys who have participated in the business court strongly agree the business court should remain a component of the Iowa court system.

After a thorough review, the supreme court has determined to continue the Iowa Business Specialty Court as a component of the Iowa court system. The business court will continue to operate under the terms of the memorandum. In its 2016 administrative term, the court will conduct another review of the business court to determine if it should make any changes to the terms of the memorandum.

The court thanks the three business court judges, Judge Huppert, Judge Telleen, and Judge Scieszinski, for their hard work and dedication to the business court. The court also thanks the attorneys and litigants who agreed to have their cases assigned to the pilot business court docket.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2016.

The Supreme Court of Iowa

By Mark S. Cady
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