

# Order

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Lansing, Michigan

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Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2024-04

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Proposed Amendment of  
Rule 3.981 of the Michigan  
Court Rules

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On order of the Court, this is to advise that the Court is considering an amendment of Rule 3.981 of the Michigan Court Rules. Before determining whether the proposal should be adopted, changed before adoption, or rejected, this notice is given to afford interested persons the opportunity to comment on the form or the merits of the proposal or to suggest alternatives. The Court welcomes the views of all. This matter will also be considered at a public hearing. The notices and agendas for each public hearing are posted on the [Public Administrative Hearings](#) page.

Publication of this proposal does not mean that the Court will issue an order on the subject, nor does it imply probable adoption of the proposal in its present form.

[Additions to the text are indicated in underlining and  
deleted text is shown by strikeover.]

Rule 3.981 Minor Personal Protection Orders; Issuance; Modification; Rescission; Appeal

Procedure for the issuance, dismissal, modification, or rescission of minor personal protection orders is governed by subchapter 3.700. Procedure in appeals related to minor personal protection orders is governed by MCR 3.709 and MCR 3.993. The court must advise the respondent of their appellate rights under MCR 3.937 following the issuance of any order appealable by right, and in those cases, appointment of appellate counsel is controlled by MCR 3.993(D)(5).

**Staff Comment (ADM File No. 2024-04):** The proposed amendment of MCR 3.981 would require the court to advise minor PPO respondents of their right to appeal following the issuance of an order that is appealable by right and would clarify that appointment of appellate counsel in these cases is controlled by MCR 3.993(D)(5).

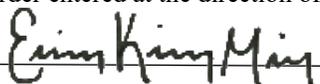
The staff comment is not an authoritative construction by the Court. In addition, adoption of a new rule or amendment in no way reflects a substantive determination by this Court.

A copy of this order will be given to the Secretary of the State Bar and to the State Court Administrator so that they can make the notifications specified in MCR 1.201. Comments on the proposal may be submitted by July 1, 2026 by clicking on the “Comment on this Proposal” link under this proposal on the [Court’s Proposed & Adopted Orders on Administrative Matters](#) page. You may also submit a comment in writing at P.O. Box 30052, Lansing, MI 48909 or via email at [ADMcomment@courts.mi.gov](mailto:ADMcomment@courts.mi.gov). When submitting a comment, please refer to ADM File No. 2024-04. Your comments and the comments of others will be posted under the chapter affected by this proposal.



I, Elizabeth Kingston-Miller, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

March 4, 2026

  
Clerk