

Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

March 18, 2026

Megan K. Cavanagh,
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2023-39

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Amendment of Rule
7.215 of the Michigan
Court Rules

On order of the Court, notice of the proposed changes and an opportunity for comment in writing and at a public hearing having been provided, and consideration having been given to the comments received, the following amendment of Rule 7.215 of the Michigan Court Rules is adopted, effective May 1, 2026.

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

Rule 7.215 Opinions, Orders, Judgments, and Final Process for Court of Appeals

(A)-(B) [Unchanged.]

(C) Precedent of Opinions.

- (1) An unpublished opinion is not precedentially binding under the rule of stare decisis. Unpublished opinions should not be cited for propositions of law for which there is published authority. If a party cites an unpublished opinion, the party must explain the reason for citing it and how it is relevant to the issues presented. A party who cites an unpublished opinion that was issued before 1996 must provide a copy of the opinion to the court and to opposing parties with the brief or other paper in which the citation appears. Copies of unpublished opinions issued 1996 or later need not be provided, but in lieu of the opinion, the party must include the docket number and date of decision as part of the citation.

(2) [Unchanged.]

(D)-(J) [Unchanged.]

Staff Comment (ADM File No. 2023-39): The amendment of MCR 7.215 eliminates the requirement that parties provide with their briefs copies of all unpublished Court of Appeals opinions; only opinions issued before 1996 need to be provided, and any opinions issued in 1996 or later must include as part of the citation the docket number and

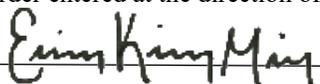
date of decision.

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.



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 18, 2026


Clerk