

# Order

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Proposed Amendment of Rules  
2, 3, 3.3, 4, 4.1, 4.2, 7, and 9  
of the Michigan Continuing  
Judicial Education Rules

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On order of the Court, this is to advise that the Court is considering amendments of Rules 2, 3, 3.3, 4, 4.1, 4.2, 7, and 9 of the Michigan Continuing Judicial Education Rules, which if adopted, will take retroactive effect to January 1, 2024. 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.

**Due to the projected timing of implementation of this proposal, the written comment period is shortened and will expire on May 1, 2025. Interested persons may [register to speak](#) on this proposal at the Court's upcoming Public Administrative Hearing on May 21, 2025.**

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 2 Definitions

When used in these rules, the words and phrases listed below shall have the following meanings:

(A)-(C) [Unchanged.]

(D) “Judicial Officer” is a Justice, full- or part-time judge, full- or part-time circuit court referee, full- or part-time district court magistrate ~~quasi-judicial officer (including a district court magistrate or circuit court family division referee)~~, or a former ~~retired~~ judge taking assignment as a visiting judge.

(E)-(O) [Unchanged.]

### Rule 3 Judicial Education Board

(A) [Unchanged.]

(B) Composition. The Board shall consist of 12 members appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court as follows:

(1)-(5) [Unchanged.]

(6) 1 member selected as a former~~retired~~ judge.

(C)-(D) [Unchanged.]

### Rule 3.3 Compensation and Expenses

(A) The Board shall annually submit to the Michigan Supreme Court's ~~budget committee~~ for its approval the Board's anticipated expenses for the next fiscal year. The Board's submission is due ~~to the budget committee~~ by July 1. For purposes of this subrule, the fiscal year is October 1-September 30.

(B) [Unchanged.]

### Rule 4 Minimum Continuing Judicial Education Requirements

Beginning January 1, 2024, every judicial officer, except for former~~retired~~ judges taking assignment, shall complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing judicial education every two years. Beginning January 1, 2024, former~~retired~~ judges taking assignment shall complete a minimum of 8 hours of continuing judicial education every two years.

(A) [Unchanged.]

(B) A judicial officer's credited hours shall be distributed as follows:

(1) 2 hours in the subject area of integrity and demeanor for former~~retired~~ judges taking assignment and 6 hours for all other judicial officers; and

(2) 6 hours in the subject area of judicial practice and related areas for former~~retired~~ judges taking assignment and 18 hours for all other judicial officers.

(C) [Unchanged.]

## Rule 4.1 Fulfillment

The MCJE requirement shall be fulfilled by completing the required number of MCJE hours delivered by accredited providers, or by completing other MCJE activities.

- (A) Required Courses. Every judicial officer except for former judges taking assignment must earn a~~At least eighth~~half of the MCJE required hours for each reporting period shall be earned through courses offered by the Michigan Judicial Institute. Former judges taking assignment must earn at least two of the MCJE required hours for each reporting period through courses offered by the Michigan Judicial Institute. Credits earned during the mandatory Michigan Supreme Court Judicial Conference count as MCJE activity offered by the Michigan Judicial Institute. Courses offered by the Michigan Judicial Institute and the State Court Administrative Office should be provided at no cost to those required to comply with the MCJE rules.

(B)-(F) [Unchanged.]

## Rule 4.2 MCJE Credit for Teaching Activities

~~Up to 8 of the~~ MCJE required hours for each reporting period may be earned through Board-approved teaching activities under Mich CJE R 7.1.

- (A) [Unchanged.]
- (B) Credit for teaching activities will be given on the basis of 2 hours credit for each hour of presentation the first-time credit is sought in any reporting period, representing 1 hour of preparation per 1 hour of instruction. Repeat presentations during the reporting period will receive 1 hour of credit per hour of instruction but will not be eligible for the additional hour of preparation time awarded for teaching credit~~not be entitled to any further credit.~~

## Rule 7 Credit for MCJE Activities

(A)-(B) [Unchanged.]

- (C) Credit Increments. Credits will be awarded in 15-minute increments, rounded up or down to the nearest 15 minutes.

(D)-(E) [Unchanged.]

## Rule 9 Reporting Responsibility

- (A) [Unchanged.]
- (B) Form of Reporting of MCJE Activities. A judicial officer shall report MCJE activities to the Board in a manner approved by the Board. Educational providers may, but are not required to, report MCJE activity on behalf of judicial officers. If an educational provider reports MCJE activity on behalf of a judicial officer, the educational provider shall notify the judicial officer, and the judicial officer shall refrain from filing or have removed from their record a duplicate report of the same activity. Educational providers may satisfy this notice requirement in any manner reasonably calculated to provide notice.
- (C) Time for Reporting. A judicial officer shall report MCJE activities prior to the close of each reporting period~~within 42 days after successfully completing the activity or receiving approval from the Board regarding credit for educational or teaching activities under Mich CJE R 7.1.~~
- (D) [Unchanged.]

**Staff Comment (ADM File No. 2024-40):** The proposed amendments of Mich CJE R 2, 3, 3.3, 4, 4.1, 4.2, 7, and 9 would implement several suggested changes including: (1) updating the definition of a “judicial officer” to replace “retired” with “former” judge, (2) reducing the number of credit hours that must come from MJJ offerings, (3) redefining how teaching credit hours may be earned, and (4) clarifying reporting responsibilities.

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 May 1, 2025 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. 2024-40. Your comments and the comments of others will be posted under the chapter affected by this proposal.



I, Larry S. Royster, 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.

April 17, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry S. Royster".

Clerk