

# Order

Michigan Supreme Court  
Lansing, Michigan

May 21, 2025

Megan K. Cavanagh,  
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2024-03

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Amendment of Rule  
2.003 of the Michigan  
Court Rules

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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 2.003 of the Michigan Court Rules is adopted, effective September 1, 2025.

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

## Rule 2.003 Disqualification of Judge

(A)-(C) [Unchanged.]

(D) Procedure.

(1)-(3) [Unchanged.]

(4) If Disqualification Motion is Granted.

(a) For courts other than the Supreme Court, when a judge who is not a business court judge is disqualified, the action must be assigned to another judge of the same court, or, if one is not available, the state court administrator must~~shall~~ assign another judge.

(b) When a judge who is a business court judge is disqualified, the action must be assigned to another business court judge of the same circuit, or if one is not available, the state court administrator must assign a business court judge from a different circuit.

(b) [Relettered (c) but otherwise unchanged.]

(E) [Unchanged.]

**Staff Comment (ADM File No. 2024-03):** The amendment of MCR 2.003 clarifies the assignment procedures when a business court judge has been disqualified from a case.

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, 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.

May 21, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry S. Royster", is written over a horizontal line.

Clerk