

# Order

Michigan Supreme Court  
Lansing, Michigan

May 21, 2025

Megan K. Cavanagh,  
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2023-33

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Amendment of Rule  
7.209 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 7.209 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 7.209 Bond; Stay of Proceedings

(A)-(C) [Unchanged.]

(D) Review by Court of Appeals. Except as otherwise provided by rule or law, on motion filed in a case pending before it, the Court of Appeals may amend the amount of bond set by the trial court, order an additional or different bond and set the amount, or require different or additional sureties. The Court of Appeals may also refer a bond or bail matter to the court from which the appeal is taken. On its own initiative or on a party's motion, ~~t~~The Court of Appeals may ~~grant a stay of~~ proceedings in the trial court or stay ~~the~~ effect or enforcement of any judgment or order of a trial court on the terms it deems just.

(E)-(I) [Unchanged.]

**Staff Comment (ADM File No. 2023-33):** The amendment of MCR 7.209 clarifies that the appellate courts can sua sponte order a stay of proceedings or stay the effect or enforcement of any trial court judgment or order.

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

Clerk