

# Order

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Chief Justice

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Amendments of Rules 2.105, 2.614, 6.610, 7.203, 7.305, 7.308, 7.312, 7.313, and 7.314 of the Michigan Court Rules, Rule 7.1 of the Michigan Continuing Judicial Education Rules, and Rule 15 of the Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan

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On order of the Court, the following amendments of Rules 2.105, 2.614, 6.610, 7.203, 7.305, 7.308, 7.312, 7.313, and 7.314 of the Michigan Court Rules and Rule 15 of the Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan are adopted, effective immediately. On further order of the Court, the following amendment of Rule 7.1 of the Michigan Continuing Judicial Education Rules is adopted, effective immediately with retroactive effect to January 1, 2024.

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

## Rule 2.105 Process, Manner of Service

(A)-(C) [Unchanged.]

(D) Private Corporations, Domestic and Foreign. Service of process on a domestic or foreign corporation may be made by

(1)-(3) [Unchanged.]

(4) sending a summons and a copy of the complaint by registered mail to the corporation or an appropriate corporation officer and to the Michigan Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau ~~of Commercial Services~~, Corporation Division if

(a)-(c) [Unchanged.]

(E)-(L) [Unchanged.]

## Rule 2.614 Stay of Proceedings to Enforce Judgment

(A)-(C) [Unchanged.]

(D) Stay on Appeal. Stay on appeal is governed by MCR 7.108, 7.209, and 7.305(~~J~~). If a party appeals a trial court's denial of the party's claim of governmental immunity, the party's appeal operates as an automatic stay of any and all proceedings in the case until the issue of the party's status is finally decided.

(E)-(G) [Unchanged.]

#### Rule 6.610 Criminal Procedure Generally

(A)-(E) [Unchanged.]

(F) Pleas of Guilty and Nolo Contendere. Before accepting a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, the court shall in all cases comply with this rule.

(1)-(8) [Unchanged.]

(9) The State Court Administrator shall develop and approve forms to be used under subrules (~~F~~)(4)(b) and (c) and (~~F~~)(7)(b).

(G)-(I) [Unchanged.]

#### Rule 7.203 Jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals

(A) Appeal of Right. The court has jurisdiction of an appeal of right filed by an aggrieved party from the following:

(1) A final judgment or final order of the circuit court, or court of claims, as defined in MCR 7.202(6), except a judgment or order of the circuit court

(a)-(b) [Unchanged.]

An appeal from an order described in MCR 7.202(6)(a)(iii)-(vi) is limited to the portion of the order with respect to which there is an appeal of right.

(2) [Unchanged.]

(B)-(F) [Unchanged.]

#### Rule 7.305 Application for Leave to Appeal

(A)-(B) [Unchanged.]

(C) When to File.

(1) [Unchanged.]

(2) Application After Court of Appeals Decision. Except as provided in MCR 1.112~~subrule (C)(4)~~, the application must be filed within 42 days in civil cases, or within 56 days in criminal cases, after:

(a)-(d) [Unchanged.]

(3)-(7) [Unchanged.]

(D)-(J) [Unchanged.]

Rule 7.308 Certified Questions and Advisory Opinions

(A) [Unchanged.]

(B) Advisory Opinion

(1) [Unchanged.]

(2) Briefing. The governor, any member of the house or senate, and the attorney general may file briefs in support of or opposition to the enacted legislation within 28 days after the request for an advisory opinion is filed. Interested parties may file amicus curiae briefs in accordance with MCR 7.312(H)~~on motion granted by the Court~~. The party shall file 1 signed copy of the brief that conforms as nearly as possible to MCR 7.312.

(3)-(4) [Unchanged.]

Rule 7.312 Briefs, Responses to Adverse Amicus Briefs, and Appendixes in Calendar Cases and Cases Argued on the Application

(A)-(D) [Unchanged.]

(E) Time for Filing. Unless the Court directs a different time for filing,

(1) [Unchanged.]

(2) the appellee's brief and appendixes, if any, are due

- (a) [Unchanged.]
- (b) within 21 days after the appellant's brief is served on the appellee in a case being argued on the application;~~and~~
- (3) the reply brief is due
  - (a) [Unchanged.]
  - (b) within 14 days after the appellee's brief is served on the appellant in a case being argued on the application;and
- (4) [Unchanged.]

(F)-(K) [Unchanged.]

#### Rule 7.313 Supreme Court Calendar

- (A) [Unchanged.]
- (B) Notice of Hearing; Request for Oral Argument.
  - (1) After the briefs of both parties have been filed or the time for filing the appellant's reply brief has expired, the clerk shall notify the parties that the calendar cases and the cases to be argued on the application under MCR 7.305(~~I~~H)(1) will be heard at a monthly session of the Supreme Court not less than 35 days after the date of the notice. The Court may direct that a case be scheduled for argument at a future monthly session with expedited briefing times or may shorten the 35-day notice period on its own initiative or on motion of a party.
  - (2) [Unchanged.]

(C)-(D) [Unchanged.]

- (E) Reargument of Undecided Calendar Cases. When a calendar case remains undecided at the end of the term in which it was argued, the parties may file supplemental briefs. In addition, by directive of the Court or upon a party's written request within 14 days after the beginning of the new term, the clerk shall schedule the case for reargument. This subrule does not apply to a case argued on the application for leave to appeal under MCR 7.305(~~I~~H)(1).

#### Rule 7.314 Call and Argument Cases

(A) [Unchanged.]

(B) Argument.

(1) [Unchanged.]

(2) In a case being argued on the application for leave to appeal under MCR 7.305(IH)(1), each side that is entitled to oral argument is allowed 15 minutes to argue unless the Court orders otherwise.

The time for argument may be extended by Court order on motion of a party filed at least 14 days before the session begins or by the Chief Justice during the argument.

#### Michigan Continuing Judicial Education Rules

##### Rule 7.1 Approval of Teaching Activities and Education Activities Conducted by Non-Accredited Providers

An educational activity offered by a non-accredited provider and teaching activities that are consistent with the purposes of these rules may qualify for MCJE credit as provided in this rule.

(A)-(B) [Unchanged.]

(C) Requests for Approval. Except as otherwise provided in this subrule, a request for approval under subrules (A) or (B) must:

(1) be made no earlier than 60 days before completing or holding the activity,

(2) be made before the end of the reporting period ~~no later than 42 days after completing or holding the activity,~~

(3) include information required by the Board, such as a detailed description of the activity, the qualifications of anticipated speakers, and information regarding the materials or anticipated lectures.

~~All requests must be made before the end of the reporting period.~~

(D) [Unchanged.]

## Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan

### Rule 15. Admission to the Bar

#### Section 1 and Section 2 [Unchanged.]

#### Section 3. Procedure for Admission; Oath of Office.

- (1) Each applicant to whom a certificate of qualification has been issued by the board of law examiners is required to appear personally and present such certificate to the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, or one of the circuit courts of this state. Upon motion made in open court by an active member of the State Bar of Michigan, the court may enter an order admitting such applicant to the bar of this state. The clerk of such court is required to forthwith administer to such applicant in open court the following oath of office:

[Oath unchanged.]

- (2)-(3) [Unchanged.]

**Staff Comment (ADM File No. 2025-11):** These amendments update cross-references and make other nonsubstantive revisions to clarify the rules.

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.

October 1, 2025

*Elizabeth Kingston-Miller*  
Clerk