Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

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September 23, 2026

ADM File No. 2024-04

Amendment of Rule 3.981 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 3.981 of the Michigan Court Rules is adopted, effective January 1, 2027.

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

Rule 3.981 Minor Personal Protection Orders; Issuance; Modification; Rescission; Appeal

Procedure for the issuance, dismissal, modification, or rescission of minor personal protection orders is governed by subchapter 3.700. Procedure in appeals related to minor personal protection orders is governed by MCR 3.709 and MCR 3.993. The court must advise the respondent of their appellate rights under MCR 3.937 following the issuance of any order appealable by right. If a respondent requests the appointment of appellate counsel, the appointment is controlled by MCR 3.993(D)(5).

Staff Comment (ADM File No. 2024-04): The amendment of MCR 3.981 requires the court to advise minor PPO respondents of their right to appeal following the issuance of an order that is appealable by right and clarifies that appointment of appellate counsel in these cases is controlled by MCR 3.993(D)(5).

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.

September 23, 2026

Clerk