Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

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Chief Justice

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September 30, 2026

ADM File No. 2024-32

Amendment of Rule 2.410 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 2.410 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 2.410 Alternative Dispute Resolution

(A)-(C) [Unchanged.]

(D) Attendance at ADR Proceedings.

(1) [Unchanged.]

(2) Presence of Parties. The court may direct that the parties to the action, agents of parties, representatives of lienholders, representatives of insurance carriers, or other persons:

(a)-(b) [Unchanged.]

The court's order may specify whether the availability is to be in person, or by telephone, or, in accordance with MCR 2.407, by videoconferencing technology. MCR 2.407(B)(9) and (10) are not applicable to ADR proceedings conducted by videoconferencing technology.

(3) [Unchanged.]

(E)-(F) [Unchanged.]

Staff Comment (ADM File No. 2024-32): The amendment of MCR 2.410 explicitly allows ADR proceedings to be conducted by videoconferencing technology if such participation is appropriate under MCR 2.407. The amendment also clarifies that ADR proceedings conducted by videoconferencing technology need not be recorded and

are not subject to public access.

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 30, 2026

Clerk