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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 11, 2024

TO: All Michigan Judges
cc: Court Administrators, Probate Registers, and Clerks of Court

FROM: Thomas P. Boyd, State Court Administrator

RE: Election Related Litigation

Pursuant to [Administrative Order 2020-20](#), this memorandum is being circulated as a periodic reminder to the courts in advance of the upcoming election on November 5, 2024. The procedures outlined in this memo apply to any lawsuit pertaining to an election related matter regardless of whether it is filed before, on, or after November 5, 2024.

Court proceedings regarding an election matter lawsuit may not be instituted and orders may not be issued except upon a written complaint filed pursuant to the pertinent MCR provision. A full and complete record of the proceedings must be kept.

Upon the filing of a complaint regarding an election related matter, the following individuals must be notified of the lawsuit as soon as practicable:

1. Supreme Court Clerk, Larry Royster, at 517-373-2553 or RoysterL@courts.mi.gov.
2. State Director of Elections, Jonathan Brater, at 517-599-5723 or BraterJ@michigan.gov.
3. Civil Rights and Elections Division, Heather S. Meingast, at 517-335-7659 or MeingastH@michigan.gov, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 517-335-0741 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (hours for November 5, 2024), *if the complaint is against the state or one of its subdivisions*. The Attorney General's Civil Rights and Elections Division will oversee legal representation for the state on election matters.
4. Governor's Chief Legal Counsel, Christina Grossi, at 517-282-7663, 517-241-0061, or GrossiCI@michigan.gov, and Deputy Legal Counsel, Dan Osher, at 517-242-0089 or OsherD@michigan.gov.

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Further, AO 2020-20 provides that the chief judge or chief judge's designee of the court in which the election matter lawsuit is filed must provide the following information to the Supreme Court Clerk:

- a. Case number and names of parties;
- b. Name of assigned judge and the telephone number where he or she can be reached;
- c. Brief statement of the issues;
- d. Brief statement of the case status; and,
- e. An electronic copy of the final order or judgment, or an order granting a stay or injunctive relief at the email address provided in the memo referenced above.

On or before November 5, 2024, the Court of Appeals will publish on the home page of its website (<https://courts.michigan.gov/courts/coa/pages/default.aspx>) information for contacting that court's clerk's office after business hours and the steps required of a party who might wish to seek emergency appellate relief.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.