

Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

November 27, 2024

Elizabeth T. Clement,
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2022-56

Amendment of Rule 3.7
of the Michigan Rules of
Professional Conduct

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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 3.7 of the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct is adopted, effective January 1, 2025.

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

Rule 3.7. Lawyer as Witness.

(a)-(b) [Unchanged.]

(c) Nothing in this rule prohibits a lawyer from appearing as attorney of record in a case in which the lawyer is a party and is representing themselves.

[Official comment unchanged.]

Staff Comment (ADM File No. 2022-56): The amendment of MRPC 3.7 clarifies that in accordance with Const 1963, art 1, § 13, a lawyer can appear in pro per.

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.

November 27, 2024

Clerk