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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 26, 2015

TO: Circuit, District, and Probate Court Judges
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FROM: John A. Hohman, Jr.

RE: Videoconferencing Standards and Guidelines

On November 26, 2014, the Supreme Court adopted MCR 2.407, which allows courts to use videoconferencing in civil court proceedings (including domestic relations proceedings) upon request of a participant or sua sponte by the court, subject to specific criteria and standards published by the State Court Administrative Office. The adoption of MCR 2.407 does not affect MCR 3.904, MCR 5.738a, and MCR 6.006, which govern the use of videoconference equipment in juvenile, mental health, and criminal cases.

In addition, Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2014-25 requires the State Court Administrator to establish videoconferencing standards and requires courts to comply with those standards, effective January 1, 2015. The standards are available at:

http://courts.mi.gov/Administration/SCAO/Resources/Documents/standards/ct_stds.pdf.

Approval of these standards and the rescission of Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2007-1 eliminate the need for courts to submit local administrative orders under model LAO 28 and that model LAO is rescinded.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy L. Garoushi at elgaroushia@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-4864.