

# Order

Michigan Supreme Court  
Lansing, Michigan

March 11, 2020

Bridget M. McCormack,  
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2019-12

David F. Viviano,  
Chief Justice Pro Tem

Amendments of Rules 3.206,  
3.931, and 3.961 of the  
Michigan Court Rules

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By order dated September 11, 2019, this Court amended Rules 1.109, 3.206, 3.931, and 3.961 of the Michigan Court Rules, effective immediately. At the same time, the Court stated that it would consider at a future public hearing whether to retain the amendments. Notice and an opportunity for comment having been provided, these amendments are retained with the following additional amendments.

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

## Rule 3.206 Initiating a Case

### (A) Information in Case Initiating Document.

(1)-(2) [Unchanged.]

(3) When any pending or resolved family division or tribal court case exists that involves family members of the person(s) named in the case initiation document filed under subrule (2), the filing party must complete and file a case inventory listing those cases, if known. The case inventory is confidential, not subject to service requirements ~~in MCR 3.203~~, and is available only to the party that filed it, the filing party's attorney, the court, and the friend of the court. The case inventory must be on a form approved by the State Court Administrative Office. This does not apply to outgoing requests to other states and incoming registration actions filed under the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, MCL 780.151 *et seq.* and the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, MCL 552.2101 *et seq.*

(4)-(6) [Unchanged.]

(B)-(D) [Unchanged.]

### Rule 3.931 Initiating Delinquency Proceedings

(A) Commencement of Proceeding. Any request for court action against a juvenile must be by written petition. The form, captioning, signing, and verifying of documents are prescribed in MCR 1.109(D) and (E). When any pending or resolved family division or tribal court case exists that involves family members of the person(s) named in the petition filed under subrule (B), the petitioner must complete and file a case inventory listing those cases, if known. The case inventory is confidential, not subject to service requirements ~~in MCR 3.203~~, and is available only to the party that filed it, the filing party's attorney, the court, and the friend of the court. The case inventory must be on a form approved by the State Court Administrative Office.

(B)-(D) [Unchanged.]

### Rule 3.961 Initiating Child Protective Proceedings

(A) Form. Absent exigent circumstances, a request for court action to protect a child must be in the form of a petition. The form, captioning, signing, and verifying of documents are prescribed in MCR 1.109(D) and (E). When any pending or resolved family division or tribal court case exists that involves family members of the person(s) named in the petition filed under subrule (B), the petitioner must complete and file a case inventory listing those cases, if known. The case inventory is confidential, not subject to service requirements ~~in MCR 3.203~~, and is available only to the party that filed it, the filing party's attorney, the court, and the friend of the court. The case inventory must be on a form approved by the State Court Administrative Office.

(B)-(C) [Unchanged.]

*Staff Comment:* The amendments of MCR 3.206, 3.931, and 3.961 previously adopted by order dated September 11, 2019, are retained; further amendments are included in this order to also add tribal cases to the description of other cases that must be listed on the inventory form, if known.

The staff comment is not an authoritative construction by the Court. In addition, adoption of an 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.

March 11, 2020

Clerk