

# Order

Michigan Supreme Court  
Lansing, Michigan

March 19, 2020

Bridget M. McCormack,  
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2019-26

David F. Viviano,  
Chief Justice Pro Tem

Proposed Amendment of  
Rule 7.314 of the Michigan  
Court Rules

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Justices

On order of the Court, this is to advise that the Court is considering an amendment of Rule 7.314 of the Michigan Court Rules. Before determining whether the proposal should be adopted, changed before adoption, or rejected, this notice is given to afford interested persons the opportunity to comment on the form or the merits of the proposal or to suggest alternatives. The Court welcomes the views of all. This matter also will be considered at a public hearing. The notices and agendas for public hearings are posted at [Administrative Matters & Court Rules page](#).

Publication of this proposal does not mean that the Court will issue an order on the subject, nor does it imply probable adoption of the proposal in its present form.

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

Rule 7.314 Call and Argument of Cases

(A) [Unchanged.]

(B) Argument.

(1) In a calendar case in which one side is or both sides are entitled to oral argument, the time allowed for argument shall be provided in the order granting leave~~is 30 minutes for each side unless the Court orders otherwise.~~ ~~When only one side is scheduled for oral argument, 15 minutes is allowed unless the Court orders otherwise.~~

(2) [Unchanged.]

The time for argument may be extended by Court order on motion of a party filed at least 14 days before the session begins or by the Chief Justice during the argument.

*Staff comment:* The proposed amendment of MCR 7.314 would eliminate the oral argument time period and instead provide for an amount of time established by the Court in the order granting leave to appeal.

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.

A copy of this order will be given to the Secretary of the State Bar and to the State Court Administrator so that they can make the notifications specified in MCR 1.201. Comments on the proposal may be sent to the Supreme Court Clerk in writing or electronically by July 1, 2020, at P.O. Box 30052, Lansing, MI 48909, or [ADMcomment@courts.mi.gov](mailto:ADMcomment@courts.mi.gov). When filing a comment, please refer to ADM File No. 2019-26. Your comments and the comments of others will be posted under the chapter affected by this proposal at [Proposed & Recently Adopted Orders on Admin Matters page](#).



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 19, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry S. Royster", is written over a horizontal line.

Clerk