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Proposed court rule changes on agenda for Supreme Court's January 22 public administrative hearing **Possible rules concerning audio/video recording of court proceedings and electronic juror personal history questionnaires among issues on agenda**

LANSING, MI, January 21, 2014 – Michigan trial courts would have explicit authority to use audio and video recording to record court proceedings, under a proposed court rule amendment on the agenda for the Michigan Supreme Court's January 22 public administrative hearing.

[ADM File No. 2012-23](#) would amend Michigan Court Rule 8.109, "Mechanical Recording of Court Proceedings." The proposed change would also require courts to meet equipment and operating standards set by the State Court Administrative Office, the Supreme Court's administrative arm. The proposal is [supported](#) by the State Bar of Michigan and the Michigan Association of Circuit Court Administrators.

The hearing will take place in the Michigan Supreme Court courtroom on the sixth floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice, 925 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing; the hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn no later than 11:30 a.m.

The hearing is open to the public and will also be streamed live on the Court's website at <http://www.courts.mi.gov/courts/michigansupremecourt/oral-arguments/live-streaming/pages/live-streaming.aspx>.

Administrative matters on the agenda for this hearing can be found at http://www.courts.mi.gov/Courts/MichiganSupremeCourt/rules/court-rules-admin-matters/Documents/Notice_2013-09-25_Lansing.pdf.

Also on the agenda: A proposed amendment to MCR 2.510, "Juror Personal History Questionnaire" ([ADM File No. 2013-28](#)). Potential jurors could fill out and submit personal history questionnaires electronically, and courts could create and maintain them in an electronic format, under the proposal. The State Bar of Michigan and Michigan Association of Circuit Court Administrators [support](#) this proposal.

Another proposal ([ADM File No. 2012-26](#)) would amend MCR 8.111, "Assignment of Cases," to clarify that the rule's reassignment provision applies regardless of whether the court is acting as a trial court or as an appellate courts, such as when a circuit court hears an appeal from a district or probate court ruling. The [State Bar](#) supports the proposal.

[ADM File No. 2013-10](#) would amend MCR 2.107, “Service and Filing of Pleadings and Other Papers” and MCR 2.117, “Appearances,” to add the term “final order” to MCR 2.107(B)(1)(c) to clarify that, either a final judgment or order has entered, papers should be served on the party after the time for appeal has passed. The proposed amendment of MCR 2.117 would make clear that the duration of an attorney’s appearance when filing or defending a postjudgment motion is the same as the duration of an attorney’s appearance filing or defending original pleadings. Comments on the proposed rule, including support by the State Bar of Michigan and the State Bar’s Family Law Section, are online at <http://courts.mi.gov/courts/michigansupremecourt/rules/court-rules-admin-matters/pages/chapter-2-civil-procedures.aspx>.

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