

# Order

Michigan Supreme Court  
Lansing, Michigan

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Robert P. Young, Jr.,  
Chief Justice

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Proposed Amendment of Rule 3.216  
of the Michigan Court Rules

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On order of the Court, this is to advise that the Court is considering an amendment of Rule 3.216 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.]

## Rule 3.216 Domestic Relations Mediation

### (A) Scope and Applicability of Rule, Definitions.

- (1) All domestic relations cases, as defined in MCL 552.502(m), and actions for divorce that involve the distribution of property are subject to mediation under this rule, unless otherwise provided by statute or court rule.

(2)-(4)[Unchanged.]

(B)-(K)[Unchanged.]

*Staff Comment:* The proposed amendment of MCR 3.216 would clarify that distribution of property is subject to domestic relations mediation.

The staff comment is not an authoritative construction by the 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 August 1, 2014, 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. 2013-09. 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.

April 2, 2014

  
Clerk