

<b>STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY TRIAL JUDGE</b>	<b>DOCKETING STATEMENT MCR 7.204(H) FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES</b>	<b>CASE NO.</b>  <b>CIRCUIT:</b>  <b>COURT OF APPEALS:</b>
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**Instructions:**

- MCR 7.204(H) requires appellant to file a docketing statement in a civil appeal.
- The purpose of the docketing statement is to facilitate the efficient processing of appeals by allowing the Court of Appeals to quickly identify jurisdictional problems, other related cases, and appropriate settlement conference cases, among other things.
- Appellee may respond by filing a separate docketing statement if desired.
- The requirement that appellant identify issues in the docketing statement will not limit appellant's presentation of issues in appellant's brief. Omission of an issue from the docketing statement will not provide an appropriate basis for a motion to strike any portion of appellant's brief. However, early and accurate identification of issues is critical to the success of the Court's settlement conference program and improved case processing.
- Please type or print. Appellant must complete the statement fully and accurately.
- Two copies must be filed with the clerk of the Court of Appeals within 28 days after the claim of appeal is filed or the application for leave to appeal is granted, and a copy must be served on the opposing parties. Failure to timely file this document may lead to dismissal of your appeal.

**IMPORTANT:**

- This case will be screened for inclusion in a pilot project to promote settlement of certain domestic relations matters. Settlement facilitators are volunteer attorneys selected based on experience in domestic relations settlement techniques. There are no separate fees for participation in this program.
- Screening for this program requires that you provide the following information in order to determine eligibility for the program, avoid conflicts of interest, and assist in the selection of an appropriate settlement facilitator.

**1. Case title**

Plaintiff name, address, and telephone no.	Appellant Appellee
Plaintiff attorney name, address, telephone no., and bar no.	

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Defendant name, address, and telephone no.	Appellant Appellee
Defendant attorney name, address, telephone no., and bar no.	

**2. Additional/Prior Counsel**

Name of attorney, address, telephone no., and bar no.

**3. Prior judges to whom this matter was assigned or who heard any portion of the trial proceedings.**

Name of judge(s)

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4. Names of prior Mediators/Arbitrators

Name, address, Telephone no., bar no.
Name, address, Telephone no., bar no.

Name, address, Telephone no., bar no.
Name, address, Telephone no., bar no.

5. A bankruptcy petition has been filed in another court which affects this court's jurisdiction over this appeal as follows:  
Another proceeding has been commenced which affects this court's jurisdiction over this appeal as follows:

Name, number, court and nature of proceeding(s)
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6. a. There are pending appeals in the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court which arose out of the same transaction, lower court case, or between the same parties.

Case name	Lower court no.	Docket no(s).	Citation

b. There are prior appeals arising out of the same transaction, lower court case, or between the same parties.

Case name	Lower court no.	Docket no(s).	Citation

c. I am aware of the following pending appeals in the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court raising the same or closely related issues.

Case name	Lower court no.	Docket no(s).	Citation

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7. The following are **all** lower court trial, motion, and other hearing proceedings and the dates held.

**Instruction:** Follow up with the lower court clerk's office to make sure that **all** transcripts are forwarded to the Court of Appeals with the lower court record [MCR 7.210(B)]. Missing transcripts will cause the case to be delayed or dismissed. If some transcripts have not been ordered, explain why.

Type of proceeding	Dates	Court reporter	Judge	Explanation if transcripts not ordered

8. Nature of case (check the categories which describe the matters on appeal)

a. Procedural posture of case:

- arbitration
- interlocutory matter
- bench trial
- post judgment action
- summary disposition
- other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Substantive nature of case (check all boxes that apply):

- Domestic Relations
- alimony
- child support
- custody/parenting time
- property division
- paternity
- termination of parental rights
- attorney fee and costs

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**Instructions:** Items 9 through 12 are primarily for settlement conference purposes [MCR 7.213(A)].  
Attach additional pages if necessary.

9. Brief description of the nature of the action and the result in the trial court. (General conclusory statements such as "the judgment of the trial court is not supported by the law or fact" are unacceptable.)

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10. Brief statement of all issues to be raised in this appeal. (This information will also be used to place cases on different processing tracks so it is important to be as accurate as possible.)

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11. Settlement negotiations. (Check all boxes that apply.)

Settlement negotiations have been conducted among the parties since the judgment.  
Settlement negotiations have been scheduled.  
Settlement is unlikely.  
Reasons to exclude your case from the settlement program i.e. domestic violence.  
Please state those reasons \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please attach to this completed form a copy of the Order/Judgment being appealed and a copy of any written opinion issued by the trial court.

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I certify that copies of this docketing statement and any attachments were served on all opposing parties/attorneys by regular mail at their last known addresses.

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature