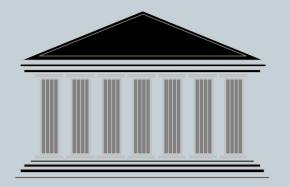
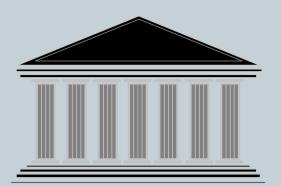
Appeals MCR 7.101—MCR 7.123

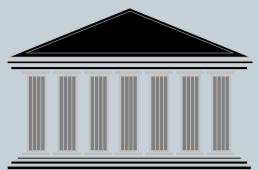
Appellate Rules for District Court Clerks

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Overview of MCR Subchapter 7.100

"Default" Rules

MCR 7.101—MCR 7.115

These rules apply to appeals from all trial courts, and to appeals from an agency unless the applicable agencyspecific court rule provides otherwise

Scope of Rules MCR 7.101: MCR 7.102: **Definitions**

MCR 7.103: Appellate Jurisdiction of the Circuit

Court

MCR 7.104: Filing Appeal of Right

MCR 7.105: **Application for Leave to Appeal**

MCR 7.106: **Cross Appeals**

Authority of Trial Court or Agency MCR 7.107: Stay of Proceedings; Bond; Review MCR 7.108:

MCR 7.109: **Record on Appeal**

MCR 7.110: **Motions in Circuit Court Appeals**

MCR 7.111: Briefs

Miscellaneous Relief MCR 7.112:

MCR 7.113: Dismissal

Oral Argument; Decision and Effect of Judgment; Reconsideration MCR 7.114:

Taxation of Costs, Fees MCR 7.115:

Agency-Specific Rules MCR 7.116—MCR 7.123

MCR 7.116: Michigan Employment Security Act

MCR 7.117: Michigan Civil Service Commission

MCR 7.118: Michigan Parole Board

MCR 7.119: Administrative Procedure. Act (APA)

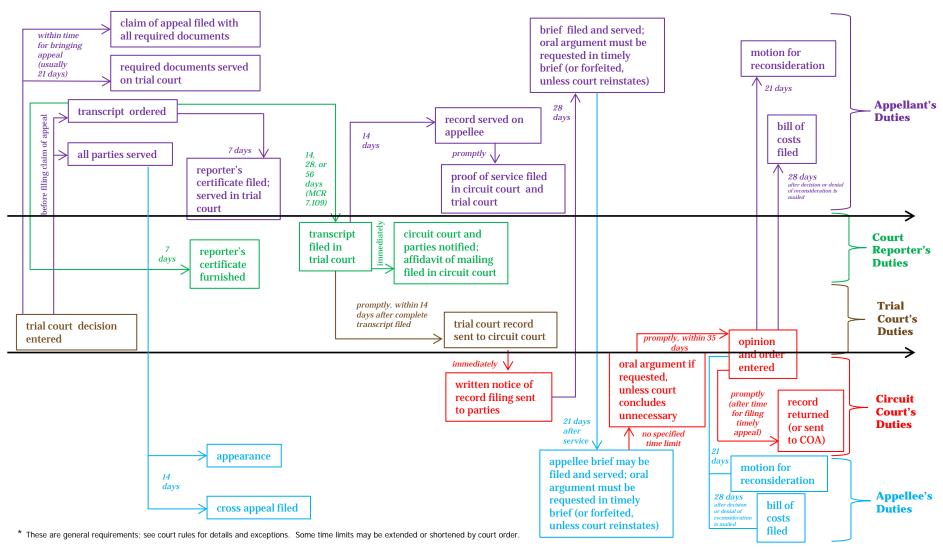
MCR 7.120: Michigan Vehicle Code

MCR 7121: Concealed Weapon Licensing Boards

MCK 7.122: Zoning Ordinance Determinations

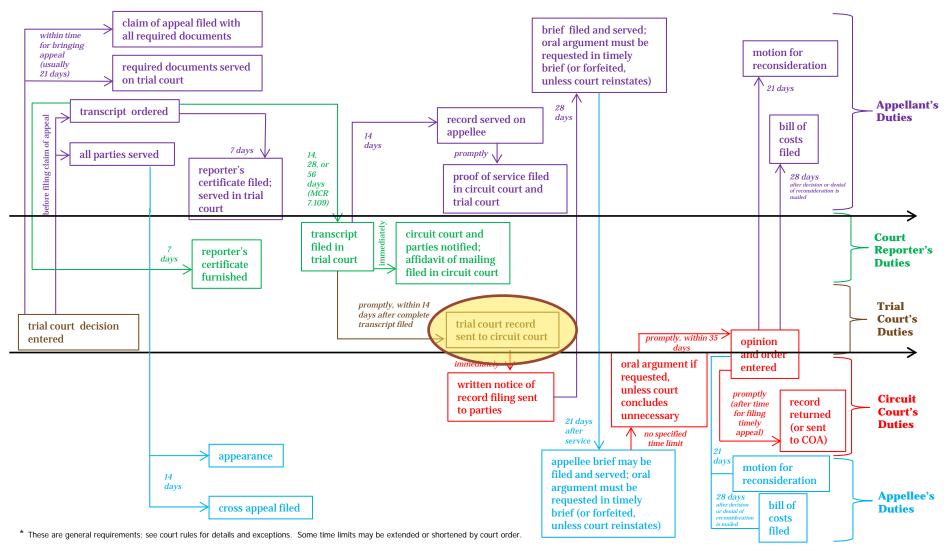
MCR 7.123: "Catch-All" Provision

Appeal of Right: General Case Flow*

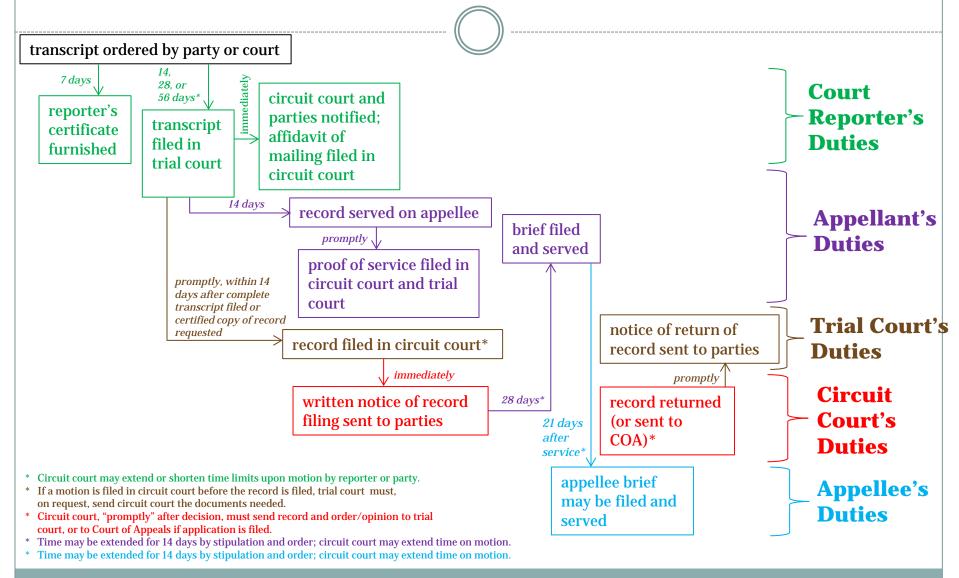


Appeal by Leave: **General Case Flow Through Grant or Denial*** application filed with all within time required documents for bringing appeal (usually 21 days, or six all additional motion for immediate months if late appeal) required documents 7 days after consideration filed in circuit court entry of order granting Appellant's relevant portion of leave required documents served **Duties** transcript ordered on trial court fore filing application 7 days 14. 28. or reporter's 56 certificate filed: days parties appeal proceeds in same (MCR served in trial and trial 7.109) manner as appeal of right served relevant Court transcript Reporter's reporter's days filed in certificate **Duties** trial court furnished 35 days, absent good cause or grant of motion Trial for immediate consideration Court's trial court decision **Duties** omptly entered order entered granting or denying application or parties and trial granting other relief; no oral court argument unless directed by Circuit court Court's 14 days after **Duties** service of order granting leave cross appeal filed Appellee's days answer filed **Duties** and served * These are general requirements; see court rules for details and exceptions. Some time limits may be extended or shortened by court order.

Appeal of Right: General Case Flow*



Transcripts, Record, and Briefing Time Limits MCR 7.109 and MCR 7.111



Transcripts and Court Reporter's Duties MCR 7.109(B)

- **Appellant is responsible** for securing the filing of the transcript and serving the appellee with a copy of the transcript
- **Certificate of court reporter** or recorder (or statement that transcript was ordered or that there is nothing to be transcribed) **must be filed in circuit court along with claim of appeal** or within 7 days after leave to appeal is granted (SCAO Form MC 501)
- In any event, certificate of court reporter must be **furnished** by reporter, and **filed** by appellant in circuit court *and* lower court, within 7 days after transcript is ordered
- Generally, **entire transcript** must be ordered, unless:
 - otherwise provided by circuit court order
 - otherwise ordered by trial court (upon timely motion)
 - otherwise **stipulated** by parties
 - parties agree on **statement of facts** (and file agreement in trial court)
 - **transcript unavailable**; appellant must file **settled statement of facts** under MCR 7.210(B)(2), unless statute provides otherwise
 - application stage of appeal by leave; see MCR 7.105(B)(5)

Transcripts and Court Reporter's Duties, continued MCR 7.109(B)

- A request for a transcript by a party or the court starts the time clock on the court reporter's filing duties
 - within 7 days after order:
 - **reporter furnishes certificate** indicating that the transcript has been ordered and that it will be filed or has already been filed (SCAO Form MC 501)
 - **appellant files certificate** in the circuit court and trial court within 7 days after transcript is ordered, if this was not already done at the time of filing the claim of appeal (or within 7 days after leave was granted)
 - within 56 days after order (or 14 or 28 days in certain criminal appeals), or as extended or shortened by court on motion of reporter or party (<u>SCAO Form MC 503</u>):
 - reporter **files transcript** in trial court
 - immediately after filing the transcript:
 - reporter **notifies** parties and circuit court of the filing
 - reporter **files affidavit** in the circuit court indicating that notice was mailed to the parties (<u>SCAO Form MC 502</u>)

Reporter/Recorder Certificate

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Motion to Change Time for Filing Transcript on Appeal

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Transmission of Record by Trial Court MCR 7.109(G)

- Within 14 days after the complete transcript is filed, the trial court must "promptly" send the record to the appellate (circuit) court
 - record must include:
 - an appended certificate:
 - identifying name of the case
 - listing all papers with reasonable definiteness
 - · indicating required fees have been paid and any required bond has been filed
 - register of actions
 - exhibits on file
 - all documents and papers
 - all transcripts
 - all opinions, findings, and orders
 - order or judgment appealed
 - NOTE: items removed by parties' stipulation or court order are not part of the record

Certificate of Records Transmitted for Appeal and Notice to Parties

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Trial Court's Certificate of Transmission

Clerk's Notice

Decision MCR 7.114

Oral argument:

- **Request** must be made in a timely-filed brief
- Court must schedule oral argument if properly requested, unless it concludes that the briefs and record adequately present the facts and legal arguments and that the court's deliberation would not be significantly aided by oral argument

Decision:

- Oral or written **opinion** required
- **Order** must be issued; court's order is its judgment
- No time limit indicated in MCR 7.114, but see Administrative Rule of Court 8.107(A) (matters under submission to judge should be "promptly" determined, no later than 35 days after submission)

• Motion for reconsideration—MCR 2.119(F):

- May be filed and served within 21 days
- No response allowed
- No oral argument unless otherwise ordered

Return of Record MCR 7.109(H)

- **Promptly** after deciding the appeal, the appellate (circuit) court must **send** the original record, along with the order and any opinion, to:
 - the trial court, or
 - the Court of Appeals, if application for leave to appeal is timely filed
- Appellate clerk should **retain trial record** until after expiration of the time limits for filing a motion for reconsideration and for filing a timely application for leave to appeal in the Court of Appeals:
 - 21 days after entry of decision appealed
 - 21 days after entry of order deciding motion for reconsideration, if filed within the initial 21-day period or within further time circuit court allowed during that period
- Upon receipt of the appellate court's decision and order on appeal, the trial court clerk should notice the parties of the return of the record

Notice of Record Return from Circuit Court—MCR 7.109(I)

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Appeals that Don't Proceed According to Plan

- There are provisions in the court rules for:
 - Voluntary Dismissals (stipulation by parties; plaintiff dismissal)
 - Involuntary Dismissals (e.g., failure to timely file a brief) (appellate court)

Dismissal MCR 7.113

Voluntary dismissal:

- Appellate (circuit) court must enter order of dismissal if the parties file a signed stipulation agreeing to dismiss appeal or appellant files unopposed motion to withdraw appeal
- Involuntary dismissal (such as for failure to file a brief) requires:
 - **Notice of intent to dismiss appeal** must be mailed to the parties (SCAO Form CC 59); allows appellant 14 days to perfect the appeal by filing the missing document(s)
 - Copy of **order dismissing an appeal** (<u>SCAO Form CC 61</u>) must be sent to the parties and the trial court **immediately** upon entry of any dismissal

Order Dismissing Appeal

 $\frac{SCAO\ Form\ CC\ 61}{\text{http://courts.mi.gov/Administration/SCAO/Forms/courtforms/appeals/cc61.pdf}}$

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Appeal Worksheet for Claim of Appeal of Right

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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT	APPEAL WORKSHEET FOR		CASE NO.		
SOURCE DISTRICT	CLAIM OF APPEAL OF RIGH		DISTRICT COURT		
ate of judgment/order:	, .	AST DATE FOR FILING	DATE ACTUALLY FILED		
a. File appeal in circuit court					
b. File copy of claim of appeal in distri	ct court				
c. Pay filing fee in circuit court (MCL 6	00.2529)				
d. Set/file bond in district court (if appli	cable)				
e. File copy of bond in circuit court (if a	applicable)				
f. File proof that money, property, or do (if applicable)					
g. File/order transcript					
☐ Transcript unavailable - settled st with certifying order					
h. Pay district court:					
Taxable costs					
\$25 fee (MCL 600.6536)					
Serve appellee copies of:		X			
Entire record on appeal, including tr appellant's possession					
b. Copy of bond or waiver (if applicable)				
c. Statement re: payment of fees					
d. Recorder's/reporter's certificate					
File proof of service in circuit court					
File proof of service in district court					
a. Applies to appellee only: file appellentify individual appellate attorne					
b. 🗆 File cross appeal					
Transcriptfiled by recorder/reporter					
Certificate of records transmitted on ap	peal				
Record transmitted, including transcrip	ot and docket entries	1			

Appeal Worksheet for Application for Leave to Appeal

SCAO Form DC 53

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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT	APPEAL WORKSHEET I		CIRCUIT CO DISTRICT C	
Date of judgment/order:		LAST DATE	FOR FILING	DATE ACTUALLY FILED
a. File signed application for appeal	in circuit court	-		
b. Pay fee in circuit court		1		
c. File/order transcript Transcript unavailable - settled with certifying order		\		
Serve appellee copies of: Application for appeal				
b. Order on application for appeal				
c. Statement re: payment of fees				
d. Recorder's/reporter's certificate				
3. File proof of service in circuit court				
f leave to appeal is granted, then d	o the following:			
 a. Set/file bond in district court (if a 	pplicable)		 	
b. File copy of bond in circuit court (i	f applicable)		 	
c. File proof that money, property, or (if applicable)	documents delivered/deposited			
d. Pay district court:		/	\	
Taxable costs				
\$25 appeal fee				
 a. Applies to appellee only: file apidentify individual appellate attor 	ppearance with circuit court and neys			
b. File cross appeal				
6. Serve appellee copies of:		/	\	
a. Entire record on appeal b. Bond or waiver (if applicable)				
7. File proof of service in circuit court				
File proof of service in district cour S. File proof of service in district cour		- 1	<u> </u>	
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Transcript filed by recorder/reporter .		- /		
Order settling and transmitting reco	ord on appeal	 		

Questions?

- Questions
 - concerning the appeals rules
 - o role of the trial court
- If you wish to submit a comment or question at any time after today, please send an e-mail to:

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