

### 83.3. Miscellaneous

#### (a) Courthouse conduct

- (i) Solicitation - Solicitation of business relating to bail bonds or to employment as counsel is prohibited in the courthouse.
- (ii) Loitering - Loitering in or about the rooms or corridors of the courthouse is prohibited. Any behavior, group or individual, which impedes or disrupts the orderly conduct of the business of the Court is prohibited.
- (iii) Signs - Cards, signs, placards, or banners shall not be brought into any of the courtrooms or hallways leading to courtrooms or on any floor in which courtrooms are located.
- (iv) Enforcement - The United States Marshal, deputy marshals, and the authorized employees of the courthouse shall enforce this rule by ejecting violators from the courthouse or by causing them to appear before one of the judges of this Court for a hearing and for imposition of such punishment as the Court may deem proper.
- (v) Photography and recording - The taking of photographs in any office, courtroom or its environs in connection with any judicial proceedings, the broadcast of judicial proceedings by radio, television or other means, or the audio recording of judicial proceedings are prohibited, except that the judicial officer in whose courtroom the proceedings occur may authorize: (1) the use of electronic or photographic means for the preservation or presentation of evidence; and (2) the broadcasting, televising, recording or photographing of investitive, ceremonial or naturalization proceedings.

- (b) Certification of issues to state courts - Upon motion or after a hearing ordered by the judge sua sponte, the Court may certify an issue for decision to the highest court of the state whose law governs any issue, claim or defense in the case. An order of certification shall be accompanied by written findings that: (a) the issue certified is an unsettled issue of state law; (b) the issue certified will likely affect the outcome of the federal suit; and (c) certification of the issue will not cause undue delay or prejudice. The order shall also include citation to authority authorizing the state court involved to resolve certified questions. In all such cases, the order of certification shall stay federal proceedings for a fixed time, which shall be subsequently enlarged only upon a showing that such additional time is required to obtain a state court decision. In cases certified to the Michigan Supreme Court, in addition to the findings required by this rule, the Court

must approve a statement of facts to be transmitted to the Michigan Supreme Court by the parties as an appendix to briefs filed therein.

- (c) Suppression orders - For good cause shown, any party may obtain a protective order for the suppression of any action or of any pleading or other paper. Upon the entry of a suppression order, the Clerk shall prevent all persons, except those designated by the Court, from having access to the suppressed material.
- (d) Appearance - An attorney appears by filing any pleading or other paper or by acknowledging in court that the attorney acts in the proceeding on behalf of a party. The appearance of an attorney is deemed to be the appearance of the law firm. Any attorney in the firm may be required by the Court to conduct a court-ordered conference or trial. Withdrawal of appearance may be accomplished only by leave of court.
- (e) Amendment - These rules may be amended by a majority vote of the judges of this district in conformity with Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- (f) Payment to court reporters - All parties ordering a transcript must pay in advance by cash or certified check unless the court reporter agrees to other arrangements.