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Proposed Amendment of Rule 7.213 of the Michigan Court Rules (ADM File No. 2015-02)—Hearing Panel Procedure (See *Michigan Bar Journal* October 2016, p 70.)

**STATUS: Comment Period Expired 1/1/17;
Public Hearing to Be Scheduled**

POSITION: Support with amendments to (1) ensure that mediation occurs early in the appellate process, (2) expressly exclude domestic relations cases from the appellate mediation rule, and (3) protect parties from the costs that would be incurred if they were required to mediate and prepare appellate briefs at the same time.



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