

Introductory Directions to the Court

These instructions utilize masculine and feminine pronouns. In the use of these instructions, trial judges are directed to follow the requirements of MCR 1.109 concerning the use of personal pronouns when referencing the parties to litigation or others who have expressed a preferred form of address or personal pronoun. Trial judges are further directed to adhere to the dictates of MCR 1.109 when addressing jurors collectively (*e.g.*, “members of the jury,” rather than “ladies and gentlemen”) and individually.

History

Introductory Directions to the Court were added July 2024.