

## Definitions of "Newspaper" Under Michigan Law

### MCL 600.1461

- (1) The term "newspaper" as used in the revised judicature act of 1961 shall be construed to refer only to a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character or for the dissemination of legal news, which
  - (a) has a bona fide list of paying subscribers or has been published at not less than weekly intervals in the same community without interruption for at least 2 years,
  - (b) has been established, published, and circulated at not less than weekly intervals without interruption for at least 1 year in the county where the court is situated. A newspaper shall not lose eligibility for interruption of continuous publication because of acts of God, labor disputes or military service of the publisher for a period of not to exceed 2 years, and provided publication is resumed within 6 months following the termination of such military service,
  - (c) annually averages at least 25% news and editorial content per issue. The term "news and editorial content" for the purpose of this section means any printed matter other than advertising.
- (2) If no newspaper so qualifies in the county where the court is situated, the term "newspaper" shall include any newspaper in an adjoining county which by this section is qualified to publish notice of actions commenced therein.

### MCL 600.1950

- (1) The term "newspaper" is limited to a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character or for the dissemination of legal news, which has a bona fide list of paying subscribers or has been published at not less than weekly intervals in the same community without interruption for at least 2 years, and has been established, published, and circulated at not less than weekly intervals without interruption for at least 1 year in the county where the court is situated.
- (2) If no newspaper so qualifies in the county where the court is situated, the term "newspaper" shall include any newspaper in an adjoining county which by this section is qualified to publish notice of actions commenced therein.

### MCR 2.106(F)

- (1) The term "newspaper" as used in this rule is limited to a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of general news and information or for the dissemination of legal news. The newspaper must have a bona fide list of paying subscribers or have been published at least once a week in the same community without interruption for at least 2 years, and have been established, published, and circulated at least once a week without interruption for at least 1 year in the county where publication is to occur.

- (2) If no newspaper qualifies in the county where publication is to be made under subrule (D)(1) the term "newspaper" includes a newspaper that by this rule is qualified to publish notice of actions commenced in an adjoining county.