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## **Change of Venue & Transferring Case (Post Judgment)**

Below are the criteria that must be met before a party can motion the court to have their court case transferred to another county. You also need to check with the county clerk's office in the county where you are intending to move your case for information on filing fee costs. You would then need to motion the Van Buren County Friend of the Court for permission to transfer your case. If your motion is granted, you will be responsible to provide the Van Buren County Clerk with a money order made out to the transfer county before the County Clerk will transfer your Circuit Court file.

**Per MCR 3.212, regarding Post Judgment Transfer of Domestic Relations Cases, in addition to a motion being filed by a party or court-ordered custodian, the change of venue may be granted only if all of the following conditions are met:**

1. The transfer request must be based on the residences and convenience of the parties, or for other good cause consistent with the best interest of the minor;
2. Neither party nor court-ordered custodian may have resided in the county of current jurisdiction for at least six months prior to filing the motion;  
*(Neither party has lived in Van Buren County for the last 6 months)*
3. At least one party or the court-ordered custodian has resided in the county to which the transfer is requested for at least six months prior to the motion filing;  
*(One of the parties has resided in the county he/she is requesting the transfer to for at least 6 months.)*
4. The county to which the transfer is requested may not be contiguous to the county of current jurisdiction.  
*(Neither party is residing in a county touching Van Buren County.)*

Note: The Van Buren County Friend of the Court does NOT provide copies of the Motion/Stipulation for Transferring Case (Post-judgment) (FOC 24)

<https://www.courts.michigan.gov/48cd84/siteassets/forms/scao-approved/foc24.pdf>

