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Where no local rule authorizes electronic service, the proposed amendment to GR 30(b)(4), deletion of the language "only by agreement," appears to create a conflict with CR 5(b)(7) because it would simply allow a party to serve another party electronically.

In the absence of a local rule authorizing electronic service, CR 5(b)(7) allows electronic service when consented to in writing by the person served. In attempting to harmonize the two rules, the more specific rule would control the outcome, which would ultimately require written consent to electronic service by the party.

For purposes of clarity and consistency between court rules, GR 30(b)(4) should not be amended.

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