

# Order

Michigan Supreme Court  
Lansing, Michigan

January 18, 2023

Elizabeth T. Clement,  
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2022-13

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Proposed Amendment of  
Rule 9.123 of the Michigan  
Court Rules

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On order of the Court, this is to advise that the Court is considering an amendment of Rule 9.123 of the Michigan Court Rules. Before determining whether the proposal should be adopted, changed before adoption, or rejected, this notice is given to afford interested persons the opportunity to comment on the form or the merits of the proposal or to suggest alternatives. The Court welcomes the views of all. This matter will also be considered at a public hearing. The notices and agendas for each public hearing are posted on the [Public Administrative Hearings](#) webpage. Publication of this proposal does not mean that the Court will issue an order on the subject, nor does it imply probable adoption of the proposal in its present form.

[Additions to the text are indicated in underlining  
and deleted text is shown by strikeover.]

## Rule 9.123 Eligibility for Reinstatement

(A)-(C) [Unchanged.]

(D) Petition for Reinstatement; Filing Limitations.

(1)-(2) [Unchanged.]

(3) An attorney whose license to practice law has been revoked or suspended because of conviction of a felony for which a term of incarceration was imposed may not file a petition for reinstatement until six months after completion of the sentence, including any period of parole.

(4) [Unchanged.]

(E) [Unchanged.]

*Staff Comment (ADM File No. 2022-13):* The proposed amendment of MCR 9.123(D)(3) would clarify that a disbarred attorney who was sentenced to incarceration following a felony conviction and who wants to be reinstated to the bar must wait until six months after completing the sentence.

The staff comment is not an authoritative construction by the Court. In addition, adoption of a new rule or amendment in no way reflects a substantive determination by this Court.

A copy of this order will be given to the Secretary of the State Bar and to the State Court Administrator so that they can make the notifications specified in MCR 1.201. Comments on the proposal may be submitted by May 1, 2023 by clicking on the “Comment on this Proposal” link under this proposal on the [Court’s Proposed & Adopted Orders on Administrative Matters](#) page. You may also submit a comment in writing at P.O. Box 30052, Lansing, MI 48909 or via email at [ADMcomment@courts.mi.gov](mailto:ADMcomment@courts.mi.gov). When submitting a comment, please refer to ADM File No. 2022-13. Your comments and the comments of others will be posted under the chapter affected by this proposal.



I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

January 18, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry S. Royster".

Clerk