

Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

April 13, 2022

Bridget M. McCormack,
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2020-33

Proposed Amendment of
Rule 3.903 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 3.903 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](#) page.

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 3.903 Definitions

(A) General Definitions. When used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates:

(1)-(18) [Unchanged.]

(19) “Party” includes ~~the~~

(a) ~~petitioner and juvenile~~ in a delinquency proceeding;

(i) the petitioner and juvenile.

(b) ~~petitioner, child, respondent, and parent, guardian, or legal custodian~~ in a protective proceeding;

(i) the petitioner, child, and respondent

(ii) the parent, guardian, or legal custodian.

(20)-(27) [Unchanged.]

(B)-(F) [Unchanged.]

Staff Comment: The proposed amendment of MCR 3.903 would clarify the definition of a party in child protective proceedings.

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 August 1, 2022 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. When filing a comment, please refer to ADM File No. 2020-33. 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.

April 13, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry S. Royster", written over a horizontal line.

Clerk