

# Order

Michigan Supreme Court  
Lansing, Michigan

June 15, 2022

Bridget M. McCormack,  
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2022-09

Proposed Amendment of  
Rule 3.703 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 3.703 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 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 3.703 Commencing a Personal Protection Action.

(A) Filing. A personal protection action is an independent action commenced by filing a petition and submitting a proposed order with a court. The proposed order shall be prepared on a form approved by the State Court Administrative Office. The petitioner shall complete in the proposed order only the case caption and the fields with identifying information, including protected personal identifying information, that are required for LEIN entry. The personal identifying information form required by MCR 1.109(D)(9)(b)(iii) shall not be filed under this rule. There are no fees for filing a personal protection action and no summons is issued. A personal protection action may not be commenced by filing a motion in an existing case or by joining a claim to an action.

(B)-(G) [Unchanged.]

*Staff comment:* The proposed amendment of MCR 3.703 is necessary for design and implementation of the statewide electronic-filing system, will provide the court with necessary PPII in an appropriate format, and will reduce workload preparing personal protection orders. This particular amendment aligns with the Court's recent amendment of MCR 1.109(D)(9)(b)(iii), allowing proposed orders submitted to the court to contain protected personal identifying information (PPII), which the courts will continue to protect as if prepared or issued by the court under MCR 8.119(H)(5).

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 October 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](mailto:ADMcomment@courts.mi.gov). When filing a comment, please refer to ADM File No. 2022-09. 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.

June 15, 2022

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

Clerk