Order

September 21, 2022

ADM File No. 2020-33

Amendment of Rule 3.903 of the Michigan Court Rules

Michigan Supreme Court Lansing, Michigan

Bridget M. McCormack, Chief Justice

> Brian K. Zahra David F. Viviano Richard H. Bernstein Elizabeth T. Clement Megan K. Cavanagh Elizabeth M. Welch, Justices

On order of the Court, notice of the proposed changes and an opportunity for comment in writing and at a public hearing having been provided, and consideration having been given to the comments received, the following amendment of Rule 3.903 of the Michigan Court Rules is adopted, effective January 1, 2023.

[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 (ADM File No. 2020-33): The amendment of MCR 3.903 clarifies 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.



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.

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Clerk