

# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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### **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEE ON MODEL CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS ANNOUNCED BY MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT**

LANSING, MI, June 18, 2007 – The Michigan Supreme Court today announced its recent appointments to the Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions, which drafts standard instructions for juries in civil cases.

The Court reappointed the following committee members:

Judge Alfred M. Butzbaugh, Berrien County Trial Court

Judge William J. Giovan, Wayne Circuit Court

Attorney Mark R. Granzotto, Royal Oak

Attorney Elizabeth Phelps Hardy, Birmingham

Attorney Mary Massaron Ross, Detroit

Attorney Paul C. Smith, Detroit

Each will serve a two-year term from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010.

The Court also appointed Oakland Circuit Judge Steven N. Andrews. He will serve from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010.

Civil jury instructions are given in each case tried to a jury. Topics include preliminary instructions regarding the duties of the jury, trial procedure, and the law applicable to the case.

The Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions is comprised of attorneys and judges appointed to the committee by the Michigan Supreme Court. The committee is charged with ensuring that the Model Civil Jury Instructions are concise, understandable, conversational, unslanted, and not argumentative.

The Model Civil Jury Instructions may be viewed at <http://www.courts.mi.gov/mcji-index.htm>. The web site also includes information on how to contact the Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions to comment on existing or proposed jury instructions or to suggest new instructions.

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