

# Order

Michigan Supreme Court  
Lansing, Michigan

April 18, 2019

Bridget M. McCormack,  
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2018-12

David F. Viviano,  
Chief Justice Pro Tem

Proposed Amendment of  
Rule 2.612 of the Michigan  
Court Rules

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Stephen J. Markman  
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Justices

On order of the Court, this is to advise that the Court is considering an amendment of Rule 2.612 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 also will be considered at a public hearing. The notices and agendas for public hearings are posted at [Administrative Matters & Court Rules 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 2.612 Relief from Judgment or Order

(A)-(B) [Unchanged.]

(C) Grounds for Relief From Judgment.

(1)-(3) [Unchanged.]

(4) Writs of coram nobis, coram vobis, audita querela, and bills of review and bills in the nature of a bill of review, are abolished, and the procedure for obtaining any relief from a judgment shall be by motion as prescribed in these rules or by an independent action.

*Staff comment:* The proposed amendment of MCR 2.612 would clarify that writs of coram nobis, coram vobis, audita querela, and bills of review and bills in the nature of a bill of review are abolished. This language was previously included in the court rules before they were rewritten in 1985.

The staff comment is not an authoritative construction by the Court. In addition, adoption of an 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 sent to the Supreme Court Clerk in writing or electronically by August 1, 2019, at P.O. Box 30052, Lansing, MI 48909, or [ADMcomment@courts.mi.gov](mailto:ADMcomment@courts.mi.gov). When filing a comment, please refer to ADM File No. 2018-12. Your comments and the comments of others will be posted under the chapter affected by this proposal at [Proposed & Recently Adopted Orders on Admin Matters page](#).



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 18, 2019

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

Clerk