

# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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

LANSING, MI, December 7, 2012 – The Michigan Supreme Court announced its appointments to the Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions, which drafts standard instructions for juries in civil cases.

The 21-member Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions, created under Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2001-6, is composed of judges and attorneys appointed by the Supreme Court. Members are appointed for three-year terms and may be reappointed for two additional terms.

The Court appointed Judge Elizabeth M. Pezzetti, Oakland County Probate Court, to succeed Judge John A. Hohman, Jr., Monroe County Probate Court. Also appointed was Farmington Hills attorney Donald J. Gasiorek of Gasiorek Morgan Greco & McCauley P.C., to succeed Southfield attorney Joseph C. Smith of Smith & Gibson P.C.

The Court also reappointed the following committee members:  
Judge Douglas B. Shapiro, Michigan Court of Appeals, Lansing  
Hon. Patricia J. Boyle, Kienbaum Opperwall Hardy & Pelton P.L.C., Birmingham  
Daniel J. McCarthy, Lippitt O'Keefe P.L.L.C., Birmingham  
Noreen L. Slank, Collins Einhorn Farrell & Ulanoff P.C., Southfield  
Gary P. Gordon, Dykema Gossett P.L.L.C., Lansing

Each will serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015.

The Committee is composed of attorneys and judges whose duty is to ensure that the Model Civil Jury Instructions are concise, understandable, conversational, unslanted, and not argumentative.

The Model Civil Jury Instructions are online at <http://www.courts.mi.gov/courts/michigansupremecourt/mcji/pages/home.aspx>. The web site also includes information on how to contact the committee to comment on existing or proposed jury instructions or to suggest new instructions.