

# Plain Language

## New Form for Certification of Supreme Court Orders

By Corbin R. Davis

Orders of the Michigan Supreme Court have for many years been certified for release to counsel and the public on a form reproduced on legal-length paper. The Court has by Administrative Order 1987-8 encouraged the use of letter-size paper by bench and bar, and the form has been altered to accommodate the change.

At the top of the new form, the notation "ORDER ENTERED" followed by space for a date replaces the old form's lengthier recitation of the date and its indication that the order results from a "session" of the Court. At the bottom, the certification language now simply attests that the text is that of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

A second date line appears at the bottom of the form because there will be instances (most notably, the issuance of final process under MCR 7.317 [C]) in which certification and issuance of the order is later than the date of entry.

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### Old Form

AT A SESSION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, Held at the Supreme Court Room, in the City of Lansing, on the \_\_\_\_\_ 31st \_\_\_\_\_ day of December \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven.

Present the Honorable  
DOROTHY COMSTOCK RILEY,  
Chief Justice

CHARLES L. LEVIN,  
JAMES H. BRICKLEY,  
MICHAEL F. CAVANAGH,  
PATRICIA J. BOYLE,  
DENNIS W. ARCHER,  
ROBERT P. GRIFFIN,  
Associate Justices

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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,  
Plaintiff-Appellee,

v

JOHN DOE,  
Defendant-Appellant.


SC: 99999  
COA: 99999  
LC: 99-9999

On order of the Court, the application for leave to appeal is considered, and it is DENIED, because we are not persuaded that the questions presented should be reviewed by this Court.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—ss.  
I, CORBIN R. DAVIS, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order entered in said court in said cause; that I have compared the same with the original, and that is a true transcript therefrom, and the whole of said original order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Supreme Court at Lansing, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven.

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.



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## Order

Entered: December 31, 1987

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