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RE: ADM File No. 2012-30 – Proposed Amendments of Rules 2.621 and 2.622 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its July 26, 2013 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered the above rule amendments published for comment. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee, the Business Law Section, and the Family Law Section. The Board voted to support the proposed amendments, with one exception.

The proposed MCR 2.622(C)(1) requires the court to "defer to the petitioner's nomination of receiver, except for good cause shown." The Board of Commissioners agrees with the comment submitted by Judge Wendy Potts that receivers should serve as officers of the court, and not serve only the interests of one litigant. The best way to ensure this is amend the proposed 2.622(C)(1) to give the court the presumption of appointing a receiver, instead of the petitioner.

We thank the Court for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Anne Boomer, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court Bruce A. Courtade, President