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RE: ADM File No. 2014-11 – Proposed Amendment of Rule 3.613 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its June 12 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered the above rule amendment published for comment. The Board agreed with the Michigan Judges Association and voted unanimously to oppose the amendment.

The Board saw no need to change MCR 3.613(B) to mirror the language that exists in statute (MCL 711.1(5) and (6)) concerning a minor's written consent. The current court rule, which applies to the petition (not the written consent) to change a minor's name, is correct in not requiring a signature in the presence of a judge, and need not be altered.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Anne Boomer, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
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