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RE: ADM File No. 2015-12 – Proposed Amendments of Rules 3.605, 3.606, 3.928, 3.944, 6.001, 6.425, 6.445, 6.610, and 6.933 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its January 22 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 a recommendation from the Committee on Justice Initiatives to support the amendments, and it was noted that the Representative Assembly voted to support the same concept at its most recent meeting in October. The Board voted to support the amendments as published in ADM File No. 2015-12.

These rule amendments are necessary to provide clarity and guidance to the bench. The amendments put in place a consistent and transparent method for determining whether someone should or can constitutionally be incarcerated for a failure to pay a court ordered obligation.

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

Sincerely,

Janet K. Welch
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cc: Anne Boomer, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
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