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RE: ADM File No. 2016-07: Proposed Amendments of Rules 6.310, 6.428, 6.429, 6.431, 7.205, 7.211, and 7.212 of the Michigan Court Rules

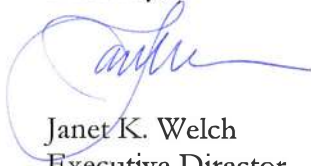
Dear Clerk Royster:

At its February 13, 2018 meeting, the State Bar of Michigan Executive Committee considered the above-referenced proposed rule amendments published by the Court for comment.¹ As part of its review, the Executive Committee considered recommendations from the Access to Justice Policy Committee, Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee, Appellate Practice Section, Criminal Law Section, and Public Policy Committee. All of these entities recommended that the State Bar of Michigan support the rule proposal.

After this review, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to support the proposed amendments to MCR 6.310, 6.428, 6.429, 6.431, 7.205, 7.211, and 7.212. These proposed rule amendments will make the criminal procedure process fairer and better protect criminal defendants.

We thank the Court for the opportunity to convey the State Bar's position on this rule proposal.

Sincerely,



Janet K. Welch
Executive Director

cc: Anne Boomer, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
Donald G. Rockwell, President, State Bar of Michigan

¹ Under Article III, §9 of the State Bar of Michigan Bylaws, "[t]he Executive Committee may take a position on a proposed Court Rule if the deadline for a response does not allow for consideration by the Board, provided the position is not inconsistent with policies adopted by the Board or Representative Assembly."