

November 30, 2022

Larry S. Royster
Clerk of the Court
Michigan Supreme Court
P.O. Box 30052
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: ADM File No. 2021-32 – Proposed Amendment of Rule 6.112 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its November 18, 2022 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered ADM File No. 2021-32. In its review, the Board reviewed recommendations from the Access to Justice Policy Committee and the Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee. The Board voted unanimously to support the proposed amendment to Rule 6.112. The Board believes that requiring notice of applicable mandatory minimum sentences will assist defendants (especially *pro se* defendants) in making informed decisions about taking a plea, pursuing trial, etc. Additionally, the Board recognizes that transparency in both charging decisions and sentencing recommendations is critical to reducing disparities in sentencing.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment.

Sincerely,



Peter Cunningham
Executive Director

cc: Sarah Roth, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
James W. Heath, President