

June 30, 2022

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

RE: ADM File No. 2021-40 – Amendment of Rule 5 of the Board of Law Examiners Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its June 10, 2022 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered ADM File No. 2021-40. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Access to Justice Policy Committee, Civil Procedure & Courts Committee, and Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee.

The Board voted unanimously to support the amendment with a further recommendation that additional language be added to the Rule to require an attorney representing clients under the authority granted by a special certificate to designate that fact on any court filings. Adoption of the proposed amendment will both expand access to justice in Michigan and improve the functioning of, among other things, clinic legal education programs.

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

Sincerely,



Peter Cunningham
Executive Director

cc: Sarah Roth, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
Dana M. Warnez, President