

**Public Policy Position**  
**SB 257**

The Criminal Law Section is a voluntary membership section of the State Bar of Michigan, comprised of 2,345 members. The Criminal Law Section is not the State Bar of Michigan and the position expressed herein is that of the Criminal Law Section only and not the State Bar of Michigan. The State Bar's position is to oppose SB 0257. The Bar strongly supports courtroom transparency, but believes that this issue is properly addressed by the Court, not the Legislature. The State Bar stands ready to partner with the Court to develop an appropriate, uniform rule governing access to court recordings.

The Criminal Law Section has a public policy decision-making body with 16 members. On May 16, 2023, the Section adopted its position after a discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. 11 members voted in favor of the Section's position, 2 members voted against this position, 2 members abstained, 0 members did not vote.

**Explanation:**

The Criminal Law Section opposes the bill, but generally supports courts live streaming proceedings on Zoom and other platforms. We are concerned that this mandate would reduce that practice.

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