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The Honorable Rick Jones  
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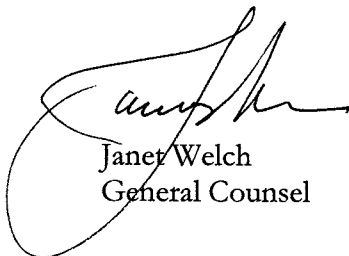
**Re: HB 5337 Adjourn Administrative Hearings for Active Military Personnel**

Dear Representative Jones:

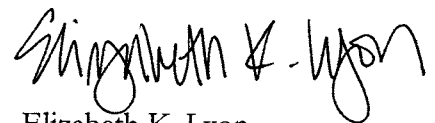
At its April 7, 2006 meeting, the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to **support in principle<sup>1</sup> HB 5337**. This position was adopted after consideration of recommendations made by the Family Law Section and the Justice Initiatives Committee. It was the consensus of the Board that the legislation would provide greater availability of legal services for persons serving on active military duty.

If you would like to discuss this position in further detail or have questions, please contact Janet Welch directly at (517) 346-6375, [jwelch@mail.michbar.org](mailto:jwelch@mail.michbar.org); or Elizabeth Lyon directly at (517) 346-6325, [elyon@mail.michbar.org](mailto:elyon@mail.michbar.org).

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<sup>1</sup> Definition of support in principle: pending legislation that the State Bar supports, but that is not the subject of active lobbying effort. The State Bar is on record on this position and will explain it upon request.