

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of section:**

Judicial Conference

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**Bill Number:**

[SB 1001](#) (Richardville) Civil procedure; civil actions; sanctions for advocating a frivolous claim or defense in a civil action; allow court to impose sanctions in addition to costs and attorney fees. Amends sec. 2591 of [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.2591](#)).

[SB 1002](#) (Richardville) Civil procedure; costs and fees; attorney fees; require losing party to pay winning party's fees in a civil lawsuit. Amends [1961 PA 236](#) (MCL [600.101](#) - [600.9947](#)) by adding sec. 2443.

**Date position was adopted:**

March 7, 2008

**Process used to take the ideological position:**

Position adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting.

**Number of members in the decision-making body:**

27

**Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:**

21 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

6 Did not vote

**Position:**

Oppose

**The text of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report.**

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2007-SB-1001>

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2007-SB-1002>

**FOR LEGISLATIVE ISSUES ONLY:**

This position falls within the following Keller-permissible category:

- The regulation and discipline of attorneys
- The improvement of the functioning of the courts
- ✓ The availability of legal services to society
- The regulation of attorney trust accounts
- The regulation of the legal profession, including the education, the ethics, the competency, and the integrity of the profession.

Keller-permissible explanation: N/A