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**RE: ADM File No. 2015-04 – Proposed Amendment of Rule 6.429 of the Michigan Court Rules**

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its April 20, 2018 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan (the Board) considered the above-referenced rule amendment published for comment. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Access to Justice Policy and Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice committees, along with the public comments that have been submitted to the Court.

The Board voted unanimously to support the concept of judges being allowed to *sua sponte* correct certain sentencing errors, and the Board specifically supports the amendments to the rule proposal set forth by Mr. Timothy Baughman from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, which more clearly differentiates between an illegal and invalid sentence.

We thank the Court for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments.

Sincerely,

Janet K. Welch  
Executive Director

cc: Anne Boomer, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court  
Donald G. Rockwell, President