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Larry Royster
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P.O. Box 30052
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RE: ADM File No. 2017-04: Proposed Amendment of Canon 4 of the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its September 27, 2017 meeting, the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners (the Board) considered the above-referenced proposed amendments published by the Court for comment.

After this review, the Board voted unanimously to support the amendment as proposed by the Court. Given that the reporting threshold for gifts has not been increased since 1974, the Board thought it was appropriate to increase the threshold amount to account for inflation and make the reporting threshold more aligned with the federal gift reporting rules.

We thank the Court for the opportunity to convey the Board's position on this rule proposal.

Sincerely,

Janet K. Welch
Executive Director

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