

CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE & PRACTICE COMMITTEE
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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ADM File No. 2013-28

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The Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee is comprised of members appointed by the President of the State Bar of Michigan.

The position expressed is that of the Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee. The State Bar of Michigan has authorized the Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee to advocate its position.

The State Bar of Michigan's position on this matter is to support the proposed amendment with the amendment that the word "completed" in (C)(3) be changed to "returned" in order to match the language of (C)(1).

The total membership of the Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee is 15.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 15. The number who voted in favor to this position was 13. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.

Report on Public Policy Position**Name of Committee:**

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Proposed Court Rule or Administrative Order Number:

[2013-28 - Proposed Amendment of Rule 2.510 of the Michigan Court Rules](#)

The proposed amendments of MCR 2.510 would allow courts to authorize prospective jurors to complete and return questionnaires electronically, and would allow courts to create and maintain them electronically (i.e., in any medium authorized by court rules pursuant to MCR 1.109). The proposed change also would delete language in MCR 2.501(D) to clarify that the chief judge is responsible for initiation of the court's policies for summoning prospective jurors.

Date position was adopted:

October 10, 2013

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:

15

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

13 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

2 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

The committee supports the proposed amendment as the courts work towards becoming more electronic-friendly. However, the question was raised during the discussion of the proposed amendment that it might conflict with the current statutory requirements for retention of paper jury questionnaires.

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

http://courts.mi.gov/Courts/MichiganSupremeCourt/rules/court-rules-admin-matters/Adopted/2013-28_2013-09-18_formatted%20order_1.pdf