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The Honorable Gerald Van Woerkom
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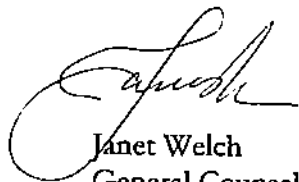
RE: SB 1272 Guardian and Conservator Criminal Background Checks

Dear Senator Van Woerkom:

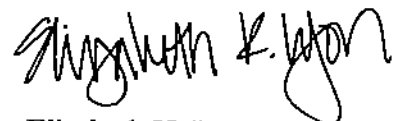
At its September 13, 2006 meeting, the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to **oppose in principle¹ SB 1272**. The position was adopted after a recommendation to oppose the bill was offered by the Probate and Estate Planning Section. The Section's position is enclosed for your information.

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; or Elizabeth Lyon directly at (517) 346-6325, elyon@mail.michbar.org.

Sincerely,



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¹ Definition of oppose in principle: pending legislation that the State Bar opposes, 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.