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Larry Royster
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RE: ADM File No. 2015-26: Proposed Addition of New Rule 3.808 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its January 26, 2018 meeting, the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners (the Board) considered the above-referenced proposed rule amendment published by the Court for comment. As part of its review, the Board considered the recommendation from the Access to Justice Policy Committee.

After this review, the Board voted unanimously to support the proposed addition of MCR 3.808. The Board believes that the proposed addition of MCR 3.808 serves the interests of all parties to such proceedings and is an effort to correct a clearly identified gap in the existing process.

The Board, however, urges appellate courts to expedite termination of parental rights appeals as much as possible to allow finality in both the appeal and adoption proceeding.

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