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Larry Royster
Clerk of the Court
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P.O. Box 30052
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: ADM File No. 2016-25: Proposed Amendment of Rule 7.212 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 recommendations from the Access to Justice Policy Committee, the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee, the Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee, and the Appellate Practice Section.¹

After this review, the Board voted unanimously to support the proposed amendments to MCR 7.212, requiring appendices to appellate briefs and setting forth clear requirements for such appendices.

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

¹ The Board authorized the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee and the Appellate Practice Section to independently advocate their positions directly to the Court. Although the Board did not adopt the recommendations set forth in these positions, the Board wanted to give the Court the opportunity to consider these suggestions as well.