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Larry Royster
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P.O. Box 30052
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: ADM File No. 2017-18: Proposed Amendment of Rule 3.903 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 a recommendation from the Access to Justice Policy Committee.

After this review, the Board voted unanimously to support the proposed amendment of MCR 3.903. In juvenile guardianship proceedings, the identity of the guardian is not confidential information and the Board sees no reason to continue treating it as such in child protective proceedings.

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