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RE: ADM File No. 2018-12: Proposed Amendment of Rule 2.612 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its July 26, 2019 meeting, the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners (Board) considered the above-referenced rule amendment published by the Court for comment. As part of its review, the Board considered a recommendation from the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee.

After this review, the Board voted to support the rule proposal with the following amendment:

(4) Writs of coram vobis, coram vobis, audita querela, and bills of review and bills in the nature of a bill of review, ~~are~~ **remain** abolished, and the procedure for obtaining any relief from a judgment shall be by motion as prescribed in these rules or by an independent action.

This amendment would help clarify that these writs and bills continued to be abolished with the adoptions of the 1985 rule amendments.

We thank the Court for the opportunity to convey the Board's position on this rule proposal.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Anne Boomer, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
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