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RE: ADM File No. 2018-34: Proposed Amendment of Rule 6.425 of the Michigan Court Rules


Dear Clerk Royster:

At its January 24, 2020 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan (the Board) considered the above-referenced proposed amendment published by the Court for comment. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Access to Justice Policy Committee, Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee, Appellate Practice Section, and Criminal Law Section, all of which supported the rule proposal.

After this review, the Board voted unanimously to support the proposed rule amendment, as it will help ensure that defendants are notified of their right to appeal denials of requests for counsel.

We thank the Court for the opportunity to convey the Board's position.

Sincerely,



Janet K. Welch
Executive Director

cc: Anne Boomer, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
Dennis M. Barnes, President