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RE: ADM File No. 2019-02: Proposed Amendment of Rule 9.123 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its September 25, 2019 meeting, the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners (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 Professional Ethics Committee.

After this review, the Board voted unanimously to support the rule proposal in concept, but the Board believes that the rule should be modified to take further consideration of the timeline, forum, and procedure for reinstatement of licenses after a short-term suspension, including modifying the process to help ensure that suspended attorneys are not punished with an extended suspension simply because the Attorney Discipline Board has raised an objection to the affidavit.

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
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