

December 15, 2020

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

RE: ADM File No. 2019-48 – Proposed Amendment of Rule 1.109 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its November 20, 2020 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered ADM File No. 2019-48. The Board considered recommendations from Access to Justice Policy, the Civil Procedure & Courts, and the Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice committees.

After its review, the Board voted unanimously to support the proposed rule changes with an amendment to clarify and simplify the rule by deleting the first sentence of Rule 1.109(E)(2) so that it mirrors the language that formerly appeared in Rule 2.114(C)(1), as follows:

Requirement. ~~Every document filed shall be signed by the person filing it or by at least one attorney of record.~~ **Every document of a party represented by an attorney shall be signed by at least one attorney of record.** A party who is not represented by an attorney must sign the document. In probate proceedings the following also applies . . .

We thank the Court for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment.

Sincerely,



Janet K. Welch
Executive Director

cc: Anne Boomer, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
Robert J. Buchanan, President