

February 1, 2021

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

RE: ADM File No. 2020-26 – Proposed Amendments of Rules 1.109 and 8.119 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its January 22, 2021 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered ADM File No. 2020-26. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee, Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee, and Probate & Estate Planning Section.

The Board voted to support the proposed amendments in concept, recognizing the importance of protecting personal identifying information, particularly as we progress to a statewide electronic filing system with increasingly more digitized court records. The Board, however, took no position on the specific language.

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
Robert J. Buchanan, President