

July 29, 2022

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

RE: ADM File No. 2021-13 – Proposed Amendment of Rule 8.119 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its July 22, 2022 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered ADM File No. 2021-13. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Access to Justice Policy Committee and Civil Procedure & Courts Committee. The Board voted unanimously to support the proposed amendment.

Inserting a specific reference to Rule 2.002(B) into Rule 8.119 will help avoid attorney confusion that sometimes results from relying on counsel's awareness and understanding of the interrelationship between these two provisions today. The proposed amendment will also serve to clarify the duties of court clerks in the event that a fee waiver is requested improperly.

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

Sincerely,



Peter Cunningham
Executive Director

cc: Sarah Roth, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
Dana M. Warnez, President