July 29, 2022

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

RE: ADM File No. 2021-18 – Proposed Amendment of Rule 3.943 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. 2021-18. In its review, the Board considered a recommendation from the Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee. The Board voted unanimously to support the proposed amendment, as it will make the definition of "firearm" in juvenile proceedings found in Rule 3.943 consistent with companion statutory definitions. Such consistency between court rules and statute promotes clarity for both the bench and bar.

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