

November 30, 2022

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

RE: ADM File No. 2021-49 – Proposed Amendment of Rule 2.002 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its November 18, 2022 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered ADM File No. 2021-49. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Access to Justice Policy Committee and the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee. The Board voted unanimously to support the proposed amendment to Rule 2.002, as the proposal will align the Michigan Court Rules with existing statutory provisions. While recognizing that such alignment promotes clarity for both bench and bar, the Board is concerned about the practicality of indigent defendants complying with the rules established by both the existing statute and the proposed court rule amendment, most notably strict timelines.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment.

Sincerely,



Peter Cunningham
Executive Director

cc: Sarah Roth, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
James W. Heath, President