

May 1, 2023

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

RE: ADM File No. 2022-16 – Proposed Amendment of Rule 7.211 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its April 28, 2023 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered ADM File No. 2022-16. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Access to Justice Policy Committee, Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee, and the Criminal Law Section. The Board voted unanimously to support the amendment of MCR 7.211. The Board believes that the proposal will provide greater clarity and transparency surrounding confessions of error by prosecutors by requiring that a record is created both when the court approves and rejects such a confession.

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