

January 30, 2025

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

RE: ADM File No. 2022-23: Proposed Amendment of Rule 7.306 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its January 24, 2025 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered ADM File No. 2022-23. In its review, the Board considered a recommendation from the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee. The Board voted unanimously to support the proposed amendment of Rule 7.306.

The Court has effectively handled several statewide redistricting challenges since gaining original jurisdiction over these matters through the 2018 adoption of Article IV, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution. However, the lack of detailed procedural guidance in the Constitution for handling these cases has made it evident that the Court would benefit from clearer procedural guidelines. These are particularly necessary for redistricting cases that have not undergone factual development in lower courts. The proposed amendment to Rule 7.306 aims to address this issue by offering the necessary procedural clarity. The Board believes that this amendment will greatly enhance the administration and efficiency of future redistricting challenges.

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

Sincerely,



Peter Cunningham
Executive Director

cc: Sarah Roth, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
Joseph P. McGill, President

