

June 30, 2023

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

RE: ADM File No. 2023-06 – Amendments of Rules 6.001 and 8.119 and Addition of Rule 6.451 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its June 9, 2023 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered ADM File No. 2023-06. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Access to Justice Policy Committee and Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee. The Board voted unanimously to support the proposed amendments of Rules 6.001 and 8.119, as well as the addition of Rule 6.451.

As Michigan continues to move forward with full implementation of the 2020 “Clean Slate” legislation, the Board believes that the amendments to the Michigan Court Rules proposed in ADM File No. 2023-06 will provide needed clarity to both the courts and the public about the treatment of court records related to set aside convictions and the procedures for reinstating a set aside conviction.

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

Sincerely,



Peter Cunningham
Executive Director

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