



March 19, 2025

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

RE: ADM File No. 2023-33: Proposed Amendments of Rule 7.209 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

The Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan has considered ADM File No. 2023-33. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Access to Justice Policy Committee, Civil Procedure & Courts Committee, Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee, and the Appellate Practice Section. The Board voted to support the proposed amendments of Rule 7.209.

The Board believes that explicitly adding “[o]n its own initiative or on a party’s motion” to the text of Rule 7.209 reflects current practice and will serve to clarify any uncertainty that may exist regarding the Court of Appeals authority to order a stay of proceedings or to stay the effect or enforcement of a judgment or order *sua sponte*.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Peter Cunningham'.

Peter Cunningham
Executive Director

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

