

January 30, 2026

Elizabeth C. Kingston-Miller
Clerk of the Court
Michigan Supreme Court
P.O. Box 30052
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: ADM File No. 2024-02: Proposed Amendment of Rule 7.215 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Kingston-Miller:

The Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered ADM File No. 2024-02 at its meeting on January 23, 2026. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Access to Justice Policy Committee, Civil Procedure & Courts Committee, Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee, Appellate Practice Section, Children’s Law Section, and Criminal Law Section. The Board voted unanimously to support ADM File No. 2024-02 with further amendments as follows:

- (1) Amend MCR 7.215(H)(2)(b) to read: “file with the Court of Appeals all orders entered on remand within seven days of ~~entry by the trial court~~ **receipt by the party.**”
- (2) Amend MCR 7.215(H)(2)(c) to read: “ensure the transcripts of all proceedings on remand are filed in the trial court and the Court of Appeals within ~~24~~ **seven** days **of the receipt of the transcript by the party** ~~after completion of the proceedings.~~”
- (3) Amend the proposed third paragraph of MCR 7.215(H)(2) to allow all appellants to file supplemental briefs. In the alternative, if the Court is not inclined to allow all appellants to file supplemental briefs, the Board recommends that, at a minimum, juvenile delinquency cases be added alongside criminal and termination of parental rights cases to those where supplemental briefing is allowed.

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

Sincerely,



Peter Cunningham
Executive Director

cc: Sarah Roth, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
Lisa J. Hamameh, President

