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**RE: [AMENDED] M Crim JI 7.9 The Meanings of Mental Illness, Intellectual Disability and Legal Insanity
[AMENDED] M Crim JI 7.11 Legal Insanity; Mental Illness; Intellectual Disability; Burden of Proof**

[NEW] M CRIM JI 17.36 Torture

**[AMENDED] M Crim JI 20.1 Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree
[NEW] M Crim JI 20.30b Defendant Seventeen Years of Age or Older and Victim Under the Age of Thirteen
[NEW] M Crim JI 3.32 Special Verdict Form (Single Count)**

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan recently considered the above model criminal jury instructions published for comment. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee, and the Board voted unanimously to support all of the above proposed criminal jury instructions.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey the Board's positions.

Sincerely,



Janet K. Welch
Executive Director

cc: Thomas C. Rombach, President