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RE: ADM Files: 2013-03, 2013-19, and 2012-11

Dear Clerk Royster:

At the November 19, 2013 meeting of the Michigan Judges Association, the Executive Board, Rules Committee, and Family Law Committee considered the above-referenced proposed amendments.

We support the proposed amendment to MCR 2.302 as reflected in 2013-03. This proposal clarifies that discovery is available in postjudgment proceedings in domestic relations matters. This is a commonsense clarification that is consistent with current practice in the courts.

We further support the proposed amendment to MCR 3.602 as reflected in 2013-19. This proposal would amend the court rule to make it applicable to all other forms of arbitration not described in the newly adopted Revised Uniform Arbitration Act, MCL 691.1681, *et seq.*

We further support the proposed amendment of MCR 6.302 as reflected in 2012-11. This proposal would add a harmless-error provision similar to that in Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(h).

We thank the Court for considering our input on these matters. If the Michigan Judges Association may provide any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Lita M. Popke

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