

To the Honorable Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court:

It has come to my attention there is a proposed amendment to MCR 6.302 and 6.310 that apparently proposes to eliminate the ability of a defendant to withdraw her plea if the court decides not to go along with any prosecutor recommendation as to sentence.

As an attorney who has practiced criminal law in 2 states for over 27 years, *I would strongly oppose this amendment*, because it would eliminate the protection offered a defendant by coming to an agreement with a prosecutor as to sentence.

If I were unable to advise my client with some degree of certainty as to any practical sentencing limitations after a plea to 1 or more criminal charges, most defendants would demand a jury trial, unless the court was willing to advise the parties in a binding manner what sentence would be imposed before the plea is entered.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,
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