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RE: ADM File No. 2014-03 – Proposed Adoption of Administrative Order No. 2016-XX

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its June 10 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered the above proposed adoption published for comment. In its review, the Board considered a recommendation from the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee. The Board voted unanimously to support the proposed adoption with the exclusion of the language in 1c).

The language in 1c) is overbroad, and could unnecessarily penalize court employees simply because they are related to a judge even if there is no professional contact between the employee and the related judge. The proposed Administrative Order provides adequate protection from abuses without the inclusion of the language in 1c).

We thank the Court for the opportunity to convey the Board's position.

Sincerely,

Janet K. Welch
Executive Director

cc: Anne Boomer, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
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