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Dear Friends,

I respectfully submit opposition to the proposal to reduce from 28 to 14 days the time for accepting or rejecting case evaluation.

Such a proposal by the Michigan Judges Association fails to consider the litigants and appears one created by Judges who merely want to expedite their dockets.

A rural sole practitioner attorney and/or his secretary may be on vacation or sick when he/she receives a formal decision to forward to their client with proper explanation of the consequences and effect of the decision the client needs to consider. The client may likewise be on vacation or sick when they receive the notice of decision. The client often wants to meet in person with the attorney, which takes more time to schedule. Then the attorney needs to timely dictate and get filed their reply.

Thus it often is necessary that 28 days be allowed for the process.

The proposed 14 day rule unfairly penalizes litigants who through no fault of their own may have dire consequences by way of unintended penalties imposed upon them.

The proposed change has no benefit to litigants and should be dropped.

The court system exists for the benefit of litigants, not judges who in their careers may never have represented private litigant parties.

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