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Larry Royster
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RE: Proposed Amendments of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At the May 19, 2015 meeting of the Michigan Judges Association, the Executive Board considered and acted upon the following proposed amendments to the Michigan Court Rules:

ADM File No. 2014-40. This proposed amendment of MCR 2.506 would allow e-service of a subpoena or order to attend directed to governmental or law enforcement agencies, including forensic laboratories, provided there is a memorandum of understanding between the parties. The Executive Board of the Michigan Judges Association voted to SUPPORT this amendment. The proposed rule requires a confirmation within 48 hours of such service, and provides a means for giving prompt, efficient, and less costly notice of required attendance at a trial or hearing.

ADM File No. 2014-31. The proposed amendment to MCR 3.617 would provide that the entire record for delayed registration of a foreign birth pursuant to MCL 333.2830 is confidential. The Executive Board of the Michigan Judges Association voted to SUPPORT this amendment, as it makes the treatment of adoption files of foreign-born children consistent with the treatment of other adoption records governed by MCL 710.67 and MCL 710.68.

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,

Hon. Colleen A. O'Brien, President
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CC: Hon. Robert Young, Chief Justice Michigan Supreme Court
Hon. Jon Van Allsburg, Rules Committee Chairperson, Michigan Judges Association
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