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Dear Chief Justice Young and Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court,

The Michigan District Judge Association has reviewed the Proposed Minimum Standards for Appointed Counsel, standards one through four. These standards establish requirements for education and training of defense counsel, set minimum standards for providing a prompt and meaningful initial interview with a defendant, grant defendant funds for appropriate defense investigations and expert assistance, and make counsel available at a first appearance in court as well as other critical stages.

We support these standards and urge the Michigan Supreme Court to adopt them.

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