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Dear Michigan Supreme Court,

I am opposed to the new proposed rule to shorten the time to respond to case evaluation to 14 days from the present 28 days. This rule will seriously impact Michigan cities and townships, already financially strapped by the economic downturn. If the rule passes it would most likely be necessary for the municipality to call a special meeting to discuss the award and whether to accept or reject. This will cause an additional burden on the municipality and ultimately, the tax payers. The municipality must make the decision in open session and that requires getting a quorum of the body together, posting the meeting and the additional expense of the members, the clerk, the attorneys, preparing special minutes and posting them and having them available for the public. Is there really a pressing need to change this rule that has been working for many years? Most municipalities are already stretched thin and this would cause additional stress and hardship. Under the present rule most municipalities can work the discussion and decision into a regular meeting.

Thank you for allowing me to express my view for municipal clients.

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