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RE: ADM Files: 2010-32 and 2012-03

Dear Ms. Boomer:

At the February 11, 2014 meeting of the Michigan Judges Association, the Executive Board, Rules Committee, and Family Law Committee considered the above-referenced proposed amendments.

We support the proposed amendment to MCR 3.210 as reflected in 2010-32. This proposal amends MCR 3.210(B) pertaining to the entry of default judgments in domestic relations cases, and adds MCR 3.210(E) pertaining to the entry of consent judgments in such cases. The MJA regards these amendments as a welcome clarification of the rules pertaining to the entry of domestic relations judgments, and we believe they will be helpful to the bench and bar, as well as the public.

We also support the proposed amendment to MCR 1.111 which provides for a de novo review by the chief judge of any order denying appointment of an interpreter, or requiring reimbursement of interpretation costs. This procedure will provide for a more prompt review of such orders, as compared with the appellate process. Although we share Justice Markman's concerns with the additional duty imposed on chief judges, we consider the potential additional workload to be offset by the greater judicial efficiency of this procedure.

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. Steve Gorsalitz, President
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CC: Hon. Robert Young, Chief Justice Michigan Supreme Court
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