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Subject: Task Force Report on the role of the State Bar

Dear Sirs:

I have read the Task Force's report, the letters to the editor in the Michigan Bar Journal over the last few months and State Bar President Brian D. Einhorn's comments, including his July, 2014 column, entitled "A Swan Song."²

The issues that President Einhorn raises, particularly the issue of eliminating issue ads and full disclosure in judicial elections, cannot be rationally argued against, in my opinion. The fairness and even-handed administration of justice, the cornerstone of our system, demands it, at a minimum. Our Bar should also be allowed to advocate for or against proposed legislation that would affect the public's legal position and the administration of justice.

After reading and re-reading President Einhorn's analysis, I find that I agree with all of his well-reasoned arguments and support his position that the MI Bar, being in a unique position of knowledge and influence, should be allowed to continue take a position on issues directly affecting our legal system. If individual attorneys disagree, they should continue to be free to publish their positions in the court of public opinion.

Please seriously consider the learned opinions of Mr. Einhorn and do not adopt the recommendations of the Task Force that will inhibit the Michigan State Bar's unique ability to inform the public and our legislature.

Thank you.

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