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RE: Proposed Amendments of the Michigan Court Rules

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At the March 17, 2015 meeting of the Michigan Judges Association, the Executive Board considered and acted upon the following proposed amendment to the Michigan Court Rules:

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ADM File No. 2014-09. This proposed amendment of MCR 7.215 would provide clarification regarding unpublished Court of Appeals decisions. The Executive Board of the Michigan Judges Association voted to oppose proposed MCR 7.215(C), which would label any citation to unpublished opinions as "disfavored" and require an explanation why existing published authority is insufficient to resolve the issue. The MJA opposes this subsection for all of the reasons stated in Justice Markman's dissenting opinion to ADM No. 2014-09.

Court of Appeals:

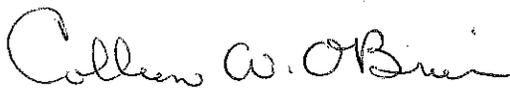
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We thank the Court for considering our input on these matters. If the Michigan Judges Association may provide any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

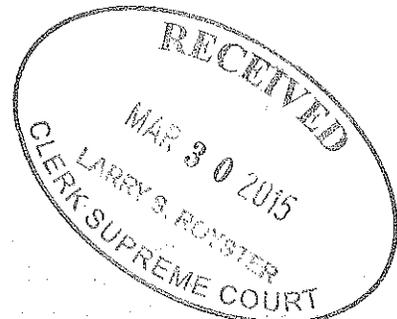
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