

September 29, 2009

Corbin Davis
Clerk, Michigan Supreme Court
P.O. Box 30052
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Re: ADM 2009-13

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am an attorney who handles medical malpractice cases for plaintiffs, and have done so for 18 years. 15 years of that practice has been in my adopted home State of Michigan. Unfortunately, the development of the Notices of Intent and Affidavits of Merit as part of our pleading practice has made my job much more complicated and expensive than is necessary. Michigan Association of Justice President, Barry Gates addressed the proposed rule changes in his letter of September 25, 2009 very amply. I support these modifications as well, since they put medical malpractice pleadings on a par with any other type of civil litigation. Permitting simple amendments instead of requiring refilling of medical malpractice cases will make the judicial process more efficient and less cumbersome for all concerned, including the defense bar and their clients. Our goal should be to provide fair and open access to the Courts for all, and these changes accomplish that. Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,
EARDLEY LAW OFFICES, P.C.



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