

July 30, 2020

Larry S. Royster  
Clerk of the Court  
Michigan Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 30052  
Lansing, MI 48909

**RE: ADM File No. 2002-37 – Proposed Addition of MCR 2.226**

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its July 24, 2020 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan (Board) considered the above-referenced proposed rule addition published for comment. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee.

After this review, the Board voted unanimously to support the proposed new rule with the following amendments:

- In Section (C), rather than using the term “promptly,” set forth a specific number of days in which the receiving court must provide notice of refusal and return the case to the transferring court.
- In Section (D), modify the three-day time period to a seven-day time period to make it consistent with the Court’s efforts to modify time periods to be in seven-day increments.
- Provide chief judges authority to exercise their discretion to oversee and administer transfers to help ensure that courts are following the rules.
- Provide an electronic process for courts to submit transfer orders and refusals of those orders to help expedite the process.

We thank the Court for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule addition.

Sincerely,



Janet K. Welch  
Executive Director

cc: Anne Boomer, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court  
Dennis M. Barnes, President