



## STATE OF MICHIGAN

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CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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October 1, 2019

Larry Royster  
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RE: Amendments of Rules 3.962, 3.391, 3.973 and 3.993

Dear Mr. Royster:

I am writing in regards to the Ferranti Court Rules. MPJA is participating in a workgroup with SCAO in regards to the new rules. The workgroup has met once and will be meeting again. The workgroup will have specific recommendations. Because the work of the workgroup is still in progress we reserve our remarks.

A committee of Probate Judges, Judge Dobrich, Judge Nellis, Judge Brown and Judge Thane have also met. Judge Dobrich and Judge Thane are also involved with the SCAO workgroup and brought our concerns to the attention of the SCAO workgroup. The area of concerns that are being discussed with the workgroup by MPJA are:

- 1) that the time frame for all appeal from a child protective proceeding should be the same either 14 or 21 days;
- 2) that the appeal from removal and adjudication shall occur at disposition;
- 3) that if a party pleads responsible the appeal should be by leave, not by right as in the case in a criminal matter;
- 4) and that all the rules dealing with appeals from a child protection case should be consistent.

The SCAO committee is working on the issues expressed by MPJA in this letter and Judge Dobrich and Judge Thane will continue to work with the SCAO committee.

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Susan L. Dobrich

Chief Judge

Chair of the MPJA Committee on In Re Ferranti Rules

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cc: MPJA Executive Board  
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