

June 30, 2020

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

RE: ADM File No. 2015-21 – Proposed Amendments of Rules 3.971, 3.972, 3.973, 3.977, 3.993, 7.202, and 7.204 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its June 12, 2020 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan (Board) considered the above-referenced proposed rule amendments published for comment. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Access to Justice Policy Committee and the Appellate Practice Section.

After this review, the Board voted unanimously to support the rule changes with an amendment that the current language in Rule 7.204(A) be retained to allow trial courts to extend the 21-day period for filing an appeal upon a finding of good cause.

We thank the Court for the opportunity to convey the Board's position.

Sincerely,



Janet K. Welch
Executive Director

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