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**RE: ADM FILE NO. 2018-11**

Dear Clerk:

Proposed Amendment of Rule 1.1 Competence of the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct. The Amendment to Rule 1.1 is absurd. The proposed Amendment of 1.1 is probably the worst rule that I have ever seen. The rule would say, "Including the knowledge and skills regarding developing technology that are reasonably necessary to provide competent representation for the client in a particular matter."

How would you enforce this? Personally I have very limited knowledge or skills regarding developing technology as it relates to computers/laptops. I have been practicing law for 47 years and know very little about computers.

Are you going to send me to school to learn about computers? — Most lawyers have legal assistants, secretaries, and law clerks who are competent with knowledge or skills regarding developing technology. My staff does what is necessary regarding technology and preparation of documents when representing clients.

Do you want me to take a test? How are you ever going to enforce this?

The rule is nothing more than ridiculous and should be removed. If you are really serious about competence then I suggest that the State Board of Bar Examiners have a portion of the bar exam relating to "developing technology" and computer skills.

Yours very truly,  
PARKER AND PARKER

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert E. Parker".

Robert E. Parker  
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