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Larry Royster  
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Re: ADM File No. 2018-13  
Proposed New Rule 3.22X (regarding Friend of the Court ADR)

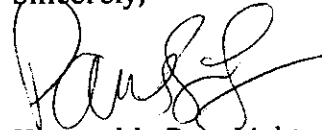
Dear Clerk Royster:

At the March 19, 2019 meeting of the Michigan Judges Association, the Executive Committee considered and acted upon ADM No. 2018-13. The Michigan Judges Association supports the proposed administrative order, with the following recommendations:

1. The Michigan Judges Association requests that time frame in the rule be consistent and recommend that all objections under section (E) (2), (3), and (4) be filed 14 days after receipt of notice of the domestic relations mediation, facilitative information-gathering conference or joint meeting. The proposal does not provide any time frame to object to the facilitative information-gathering conference or joint meeting, which could result in an objection at the time of the conference or meeting and be inefficient in the work flow of all involved parties.
2. The Michigan Judges Association requests that there be additional language under Sections (F) (c) and (G) (2) instructing that mediation and facilitative information-gathering conferences shall not be recorded.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed rule change.

Sincerely,



Honorable Pam Lightvoet, President  
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CC: Honorable Bridget McCormack, Chief Justice, Michigan Supreme Court