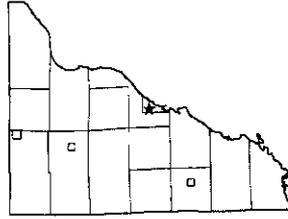


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RE: ADM File No. 2018-30 – Proposed Amendment of MCR 8.115

Dear Sir or Madam

I respectfully submit this letter as my objection to the proposed amendment of MCR 8.115. I do not wish to argue the entire court rule amendment but specifically Section (5)(a) in which it states that parties "may use a portable electric device to reproduce public court documents in a clerk's office..." this is a serious undermining of the Clerk's protection of such documents.

It seems this added sentence is overreach into the County Clerk's duties to protect and preserve court files. Allowing an attorney to use his or her computer or phone for notes or review documents they should already have during a court hearing is up to the courts and I would not presume to tell the judge how to run his courtroom on those matters.

I am not sure if this was meant as a rider or a wrecking amendment, but either way it should not be part of this recommendation.

On a separate note, I respectfully request that County Clerk's be invited in to the conversations earlier in the drafting of amendments and polices that affect their constitutional office duties. A willingness to open the conversation sooner could result in less turmoil and delays of processes. I have in the past submitted my opinion on revisions of forms, but it seems more and more unless you check the website every single day we are getting notified of memo's that directly affect our office and staff, weeks after they have been written or passed. We strive to obey the rules set forth by the courts, but how can we do that if the rules change and no one tells us!

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