

September 23, 2020

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

RE: ADM File No. 2020-14: Amendment of Rule 4.202 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its September 16, 2020 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan (the Board) considered the above-referenced amendment published by the Court for comment. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Civil Procedure and Courts Committee and the Access to Justice Policy Committee.

After this review, the Board voted unanimously to support the rule amendment as it would bring consistency to the court rules and thereby reduce confusion in the courts. The Board supports making the requirements of Rule 4.202(H) consistent with those of Rule 4.202(F)(4) by establishing that the court clerk – not the plaintiff – would be required to mail the defendant notice of entry of a default judgment.

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
Robert J. Buchanan, President