Oakland County Family Division and Circuit Court comment on the Proposed Addition of MCR 3.906

While understanding the intent behind creating this new court rule, the Oakland County Family Division and Circuit Court Benches oppose the current language of the proposed court rule for the following reasons:

1. Building Safety and law enforcement officers are charged with public safety inside courtrooms and courthouses. The rule as drafted diminishes the authority of the “safety experts” and shifts it to a jurist.

2. Allowing jurists to have input seems appropriate, but law enforcement must be the primary decision maker when it comes to securing the juvenile and the courtroom.

3. We agree that modifications to the proposed rule are necessary as articulated in the comments by the Probate and Michigan Judges Associations of Michigan.

Thank you.