

September 30, 2022

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

RE: ADM File No. 2022-09 – Proposed Amendment of Rule 3.703 of the Michigan Court Rules

Dear Clerk Royster:

At its September 16, 2022 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan considered ADM File No. 2022-09. The Board voted to oppose the proposed amendment.

The Board has long supported the goal of implementing a statewide electronic-filing system and recognizes that certain court processes will need to be updated to make such a system efficient and practicable. At the same time, the Board is acutely aware of the fact that these needs must be balanced against the time-sensitivity and serious risk of harm faced by petitioners commencing personal protection actions, many of whom are proceeding *pro se*. Under such circumstances, the Board believes that it is inappropriate to prevent a petitioner from commencing a personal protection action based only on the fact that they have failed to include a proposed order on a form approved by the State Court Administrative Office (“SCAO”).

We thank the Court for the opportunity to convey the Board’s position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Peter Cunningham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" and last name "Cunningham" clearly distinguishable.

Peter Cunningham
Executive Director

cc: Sarah Roth, Administrative Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court
 James W. Heath, President