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Good morning,

I am commenting on ADM No. 2025-14, Proposed Amendment of Rule 8.115. I am in full support of this proposed amendment. It is wrong for people to be arrested on civil warrants like ICE warrants, which do not require the signature of a neutral magistrate and may consider race to establish probable cause, when they are trying to lawfully conduct their business in our courthouses.

In addition to my personal outrage at the reprehensible conduct of ICE agents, there is also an obvious chilling effect that results from ICE agents abusing Michigan's courts. Criminal defendants who are properly participating in their cases are placed in fear of appearing to required court dates, and if they fail to appear, risk worsening their case outcomes and accumulating criminal warrants.

Victims of crime, in particular victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, often rely upon support provided by Victim Advocate Divisions of prosecutor's offices, which frequently share buildings with courthouses. Coming forward and participating in the prosecution of these types of crimes is scary and difficult enough for victims as it is, especially given that it is a common abuse tactic to weaponize a victim's citizenship status against them. It is simply wrong to make things more dangerous for the most vulnerable people in our community.

Adopting ADM No. 2025-14 is one small step that MI Courts can take to protect the rights of all people who are lawfully participating in our justice system and I strongly encourage its adoption.