STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

KEVIN WILLIAM CASSADAY,

Plaintiff,

v

MICHIGN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS (LARA), including its CANNABIS REGULATORY AGENCY component,

Defendant.

No. 26-000137-MZ

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**SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEYS**

TO: CLERK OF THE COURT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Sandra Ellis (P78636), Assistant Attorney General for the State of Michigan, has been substituted in the above-captioned cause in place and stead of attorney Deborah Benedict (P60869) as attorney for Defendants Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA).

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I also request a withdrawal of Deborah Benedict from this case, including no further electronic filing notices.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Sandra Ellis*
Sandra Ellis (P78636)
Assistant Attorney General
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Dated: September 21, 2026

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**CONSENT TO SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEYS**

TO: CLERK OF THE COURT

I hereby consent that Sandra Ellis (P78636), Assistant Attorney General for the State of Michigan, be substituted in my place and stead for Defendants Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), in the above cause of action.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Deborah Benedict*
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**ORDER PERMITTING SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEYS**

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In accordance with the foregoing written substitution of attorneys;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Sandra Ellis (P78636), Assistant Attorney General for the State of Michigan, is hereby substituted as counsel representing Defendants Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs in the above cause of action. Further, Deborah Benedict is withdrawn from this case and shall not receive further electronic filing notices.

Dated: September 23, 2026

MICHAEL F. GADOLA
Court of Claims Judge



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