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Attorney Discipline Board

General Order ADB 2021-1 Regarding Operations in Light of COVID-19

Issued by the Attorney Discipline Board
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In light of the ongoing public health emergency caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, and consistent with the Michigan Supreme Court ADM File No. 2020-8 issued July 26, 2021, General Order ADB 2020-1 and General Order ADB 2020-2 are rescinded, effective immediately.

In order to retain the existing practices that courts have been operating under during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Michigan Supreme Court has amended, effective immediately, the following rules to reflect the substantive provisions of the administrative orders adopted by the Court during the pandemic, including rules applicable to attorney disciplinary proceedings. Among the rules amended are [MCR 2.407\(G\)](#) (Videoconferencing - directing that trial courts are required to use remote participation technology to the greatest extent possible in accordance with various requirements), MCR [8.110](#) (Chief Judge Rule - directing chief judges to continue to take reasonable measures to avoid exposing participants in court proceedings, court employees, and the general public to COVID-19 in accordance with various requirements), [MCR 9.112\(D\)\(5\)](#) (AGC Investigations - subpoenas for remote participation), and [9.115\(I\)](#) (ADB Hearing Panel Procedure - subpoenas for remote participation).

The office of the Attorney Discipline Board will be open to the public in a limited capacity; please contact the Attorney Discipline Board for hours or to schedule an appointment. However, consistent with the above rule amendments and CDC guidelines, the staff continues working remotely on cases to the greatest extent possible, and will continue to accept and process e-filings pursuant to the Board's E-Filing and E-Service Procedures.

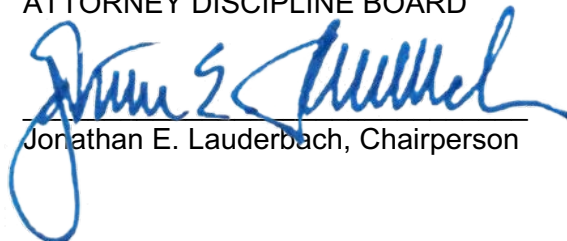
Consistent with these rule amendments, all scheduled panel hearings, prehearing motions, and conferences shall be conducted telephonically or by videoconference until further notice.

Review hearings will be conducted by the Board telephonically or via videoconference until further notice.

The Board shall continue to monitor orders adopted by the Michigan Supreme Court and the State of Michigan, the policies adopted by other courts and discipline agencies across the nation, and public health pronouncements by all levels of government, and will issue further orders and directives as further developments occur.

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE BOARD

By:


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