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MEMORANDUM

To: Attorneys Representing Respondents (MI)

From: Wayne County Probate Court

I. Certificate of Legal Counsel/Waiver of Attendance

The procedure for processing orders following hearings on MI matters has been revised. When the subject of the petition signs a waiver of attendance and stipulates to the entry of an order, the order will be prepared automatically. You are not required to attend a hearing.

Please fax and deliver (via U.S. mail or by hand) your signed original Certificate of Legal Counsel/Waiver of Attendance form (as modified by this Court and included in your packet) as soon as possible to the Courtroom for the Judge of record. The fax numbers are: Judge Burton (313) 224-8107; Judge Blackwell-Hatcher (313) 224-8097; Judge Keith (313) 224-8105; Judge Hartsfield (313) 967-6685; Judge Braxton (313) 224-8098; Judge Paolucci (313) 224-8099.

II. Affidavit for Services and Request for Attorney Fees

The Wayne County Probate Court will no longer pay for deferral conferences at the hospital prior to the hearing or discharge for which you do not attend. Therefore, the Court requires that you check off the appropriate box on the Affidavit for Services and Request for Attorney Fees and initial it. The language reads as follows: "I did/did not attend a deferral conference at the hospital prior to the hearing or discharge." Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

If you need more information or assistance, telephone numbers for the Mental Health Services Department are (313) 224-5412 or (313) 224-5825.

III. Mental Health Assignment Packet

To the Attorney:

This packet may contain a Petition for Judicial Admission. The statutory requirements for hearings are found in "Civil Admission and Discharge Procedures: Developmental Disabilities" in the Michigan Mental Health Code (MCL 330.1515). There are no provisions for deferral or waiver. Please consult the statute for further clarification.