



MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

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June 14, 2023

Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony, President  
NAACP, Detroit Branch  
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Dear Rev. Dr. Anthony,

I am writing to follow up on your letter echoing the request by the Association of Black Judges of Michigan (ABJM), for an independent audit of the racial disparity found in charging decisions by the Judicial Tenure Commission (JTC).

I am pleased to share with you that the Judicial Tenure Commission has agreed with the ABJM's request and has committed to undergoing an independent audit to assess the racial disparity that the ABJM and the NAACP has identified.

I strongly support the collection of data and transparency using that data and I am thankful to the ABJM and the NAACP for bringing this issue to my attention, and to the Judicial Tenure Commission for volunteering to undergo this audit. My colleagues and I support fairness in administration of the courts and in all Judicial Branch work, including the JTC.

There continue to be many details for the Judicial Tenure Commission to work out, but I commit to reach back out to you once there is additional information to share.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth T. Clement".

**Elizabeth T. Clement**  
Chief Justice  
Michigan Supreme Court

cc: Michigan Supreme Court Justices  
Hon. John Hulsing, Chair, Judicial Tenure Commission  
Hon. Kameshia D. Gant, Immediate Past President, ABJM  
Hon. Curtis J. Bell, President, ABJM  
Senator Stephanie Chang, Michigan Senate  
Atty. John E. Johnson, Jr., Executive Director, Michigan Department of Civil Rights  
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