



MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

ELIZABETH A. WEAVER
JUSTICE

March 20, 2007

To: Honorable Governor Jennifer M. Granholm
Senate Majority Leader Michael R. Bishop; Senate Minority Leader Mark Schauer
House Speaker Andy Dillon; House Minority Leader Craig DeRoche
Michigan Senate Members; Michigan House of Representative Members

Re: Justice Weaver's Dissent to the March 14, 2007 Approval of Minutes Concerning
Rules for Disqualification of Justices

Attached for your review is my dissent to the approved minutes for Michigan Supreme Court administrative conferences of March 1, 2006 and March 19, April 19, May 17, May 24, May 31, June 7, and November 29, 2006. All but one of the approved minutes from which I dissent concern the Rules for Disqualification of Justices.

What my dissent reveals is further proof of misuse and abuse of power by the majority of four, Chief Justice Taylor, and Justices Corrigan, Young and Markman. Specifically, this dissent highlights how the current Court minutes processing system allows a power block of four justices, acting secretly and unaccountably, and as an unrestrained, super-legislature, to conduct the people's business in a disorderly, unprofessional, unfair, and haphazard manner. The approval of the minutes reveals the majority of four's willingness to change and revise history by not recording the whole truth, or recording untruth, of the majority's formal actions.

It is critical that the minutes of this Court's weekly conferences on administrative matters be truthful and complete and that they record what actually occurred at each conference.

The Michigan Supreme Court should have the most orderly, timely, accurate, and complete process for keeping and publishing minutes for its administrative conferences. Presently it does not. The minutes should be timely produced, acted upon, and made available to the public on the Supreme Court website. The minutes should memorialize this Court's conduct of the people's judicial business. They should be a window for the people to learn what, when, and how the justices perform one of this Court's core constitutional responsibilities, the supervision of the administration of the Michigan judiciary.

An efficient and impartial judiciary is "ill served by casting a cloak of secrecy around the operations of the courts." *Scott v Flowers*, 910 F2d 201 (CA 5 1990).

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