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Message from the Chair

“Reflecting on a Year of Progress and Collaboration”

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As my term as Chair of the Negligence Law Section comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable work we have accomplished together this year. It has been a privilege to lead a Section of more than 1,700 dedicated litigators, plaintiff and defense, who share a commitment to strengthening our profession and safeguarding the integrity of our justice system.

Over the past year, our Council has taken on some of the most pressing issues facing practitioners and the courts. We worked diligently to advocate for the continued importance of in-person hearings, while also recognizing the role remote proceedings play in improving access to justice. We advanced the call for greater uniformity in e-filing systems statewide, supported the adoption of model interrogatories to streamline discovery, and encouraged courts to adopt more consistent approaches to case management across Michigan. We also began important advocacy for attorney-led voir dire, an initiative that will continue to shape the fairness and transparency of jury selection in the years ahead. Each of these efforts reflects our mission to create a legal system that is fair, efficient, and accessible to all.

Our committees thrived as well. The Education Committee delivered a series of outstanding programs that provided valuable learning opportunities and fostered professional growth for attorneys at all stages of practice. The Amicus Committee worked tirelessly on briefs before the Michigan Supreme Court, ensuring that the Section’s collective voice was heard on issues with far-reaching impact. Our events, ranging from seminars to networking receptions, saw record attendance, a testament to the strength and vibrancy of our community.

None of these successes would have been possible without the commitment, creativity, and hard work of our Council members, committee leaders, and engaged Section members. I am grateful for your collaboration and dedication throughout this year. Together, we have demonstrated that when plaintiff and defense attorneys work side by side, we can make meaningful progress for the profession and for the public we serve.

As I conclude my service as Chair, I look forward to seeing the Section continue to grow, innovate, and lead under new leadership. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and for the trust

you placed in me. It has been an honor to work alongside each of you in advancing the mission of the Negligence Law Section.

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