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Mr. Lawrence,

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

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Ms. Brown,

A plethora of individuals have recently contacted us regarding the advertisement of (former) Judge Edward Avadenka, which appears on page 86 of this month's edition of the Michigan Bar Journal.

Specifically, this article refers to Avadenka as "Hon." and "28 years experience as a....judge". I urge you to familiarize yourself with State Bar Ethics Opinion RI-327.

http://www.michbar.org/opinions/ethics/numbered_opinions/RI-327.html

I am in the process of having the licensing disciplinary officials investigate this matter. In the interim, however, please state in complete and specific detail why you would print this ad in the Bar Journal, an advertisement that would tend to confuse the public into believing that Avadenka is a judge.

I would appreciate a response as soon as possible, as StateBarWatch intends to initiate a complete and public investigation into this matter.

Frank Lawrence, Jr.

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