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Re: Hon. Edward Avadenka As A Present Owner Of A Legal Services Corporation

Dear Mr. Prowse:

It has been brought to the attention of StateBarWatch that 48th District Court Judge Edward Avadenka is the present owner of a Michigan legal services corporation. According to documents received from the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Judge Avadenka's corporation was created on July 16, 2004 and it is organized for the specific purposes of rendering "legal facilitative mediation and arbitration" services.

Although Judge Avadenka is scheduled to retire later this year, it is unobjectionable that he is now the present owner of a legal services corporation that exists under the laws of the State of Michigan. Any member of the public can view this information on the world-wide-web at http://www.cis.state.mi.us/bcs_corp/dt_corp.asp?id_nbr=33222D&name_entity=EDWARD%20AVADENKA,%20P.C.

If it is impermissible for a Michigan judge to simultaneously be a shareholder in a Michigan legal services corporation, we expect you to take immediate and prompt action.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Lawrence, Jr.
Founder

cc: Hon. Edward Avadenka