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Always include your name and location at the end of your messages. Most email programs have a function that will perform this automatically. Try Tools, Options, Mail Format, Signatures.

The purpose of this list is to encourage camaraderie among the family law bench and bar and to improve the quality of the practice of family law in this state. If your post is in reference to a pending case, please use neutral, generic language, being mindful of the many judges that are members of this list; remember that the very judge assigned to your case may be reading your post. Don't put someone in a compromising position. Your opposing counsel may be here too- we have several hundred members on this list.

Never set an auto-responder message before disabling your list e-mail. Such "I'm on vacation" notices are not appreciated by your several hundred listmates, and will get you bounced from the list. You can temporarily stop your listserv messages as follows:

Go to <http://groups.michbar.org> and click on "Family Law"

Under "Existing FamilyLaw Subscribers" put your e-mail address in the box and press "Edit My Options"

Put in your password (or press the remind button to have it sent to you)

Once in, simply go down to the "Mail Delivery" section under Your Family Law Subscription Options and set it to "Disabled".

If you're on other mailing lists then you can check "set globally" and it will disable all your accounts on the groups.michbar.org system.

Press the "Submit my changes" button at the bottom and you're done.

When you get back just set your delivery back to "Enabled".

There is a handy user guide for this and other functions that is posted on the <http://groups.michbar.org> site under the section "Help and Support"

Remember to set your e-mail settings to always include your signature (name and address, at least) on replies and forwards, as well as on new messages. Also include the original message text (or at least the relevant part) when replying or forwarding posts so that we all can understand what material you are commenting upon. Comments like, "Me too!" or happy faces and the like add little to discussions and are discouraged. Advertising is not allowed on this list, but you may post messages about something to buy, sell, or trade if related to your law practice. Family law members are encouraged to

participate in government, so if you are running for a position, feel free to post a brief announcement. Contact me at sadowski@mindspring.net if you have any questions or problems, but DO NOT post "test" messages to the list. If you are concerned about whether your list membership is functioning, contact Chard.Net at mailman@groups.michbar.org and they will advise you of any problems.