



UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

July 16, 2013

Via E-mail

Charles E. Christmas
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Mercantile Bank Corporation
310 Leonard Street, NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

Re: Mercantile Bank Corporation
Form 10-K for Fiscal Period Ended December 31, 2012
Filed March 14, 2013
File No. 000-26719

Dear Mr. Christmas:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ John P. Nolan

John P. Nolan
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant