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Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition 06-04 In the matter of review of amendments to SCR 20:1.15 Safekeeping Property; SCR 20:1.0 Definitions; SCR 21.16 Discipline; and SCR 12.04 Wisconsin Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection

Greetings,

You may recall that the Office of Lawyer Regulation and the State Bar of Wisconsin filed a joint petition (rule no. 06-04) on May 22, 2006, proposing certain modifications to the "trust account rule," SCR 20:1.15. I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its review of the rule amendments adopted pursuant to that petition in 2007. The effective date of the amendments was July 1, 2007, and the court agreed to review the amendments in three years. A


copy of the court's order dated May 2, 2007, is available on the court's Web site at http://wicourts.gov/supreme/sc_hearing_rules.jsp. You are receiving this letter because you may have expressed an interest in this matter or you provided the court with valuable input on the petition.

The court has scheduled an open administrative conference on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., to review the rule amendments adopted in order 06-04 in 2007, as well as any written comments that are filed. **Please note the court's review does not include the extensive amendments the court made to SCR 20:1.15 in its order dated July 1, 2009, on petition 08-03 relating to interest paid on IOLTA accounts.**

Please file any written comments on the 2007 rule amendments preferably no later than February 5, 2010. All comments should be filed with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. A courtesy electronic copy e-mailed to carrie.janto@wicourts.gov would be appreciated.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me or my assistant, Susan Gray, c/o Office of the Director of State Courts, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688 (telephone: 608-266-6708) (email: susan.gray@wicourts.gov).

Very truly yours,


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