STATE OF WISCONSIN

IN SUPREME COURT

In the Matter of the Petition for Amendment to Supreme Court Rule SCR 40.14 Relating to Technical Changes in Language in Board of Bar Examiner's Fees

PETITION

To: Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson Justice Jon P. Wilcox Justice Ann Walsh Bradley Justice N. Patrick Crooks Justice David Prosser, Jr. Justice Patience D. Roggensack Justice Louis B. Butler

Filed with the Clerk of Court Cornelia G. Clark Clerk of Supreme Court Office 110 East Main Street, #215 Madison, WI 53703

The Petitioner, Gene R. Rankin, Director of and on behalf of the Board of Bar Examiners of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, hereby petitions the Supreme Court of Wisconsin for an order that amends Supreme Court Rule SCR 40.14 (3) (e), (g) and (h) relating to definitions of fees charged by the Board of Bar Examiners as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

SCR 40.14 APPLICATION; FEES.

SCR 40.14 (3) (e) Fee for reinstatement, or readmission, admission on or for application by diploma privilege character and fitness investigation if filed later than the latest date specified by the board or late enrollment in the bar \$200

- (g) Fee for a <u>diploma privilege</u> character and fitness investigation under SCR 40.06(3m) \$210
- (h) Late fee for a <u>diploma privilege</u> character and fitness investigation under SCR 40.06(3m) \$100

JUSTIFICATION

The change to (e) clarifies the applicability of the latest filing date, as set by SCR Chapter 40 Appendix BA 14.04, for diploma privilege, character and fitness application and deletes an unused provision.

The changes to (g) and (h) distinguish diploma privilege character and fitness from the character and fitness investigations conducted pursuant to other modes of admission to the Wisconsin Bar. Some jurisdictions charge one fee for the bar examination and another for the character and fitness investigation. This amendment clarifies that Wisconsin does not do so.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2005.

Respectfully submitted

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