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***To: Interested Parties – See Attached List***

Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition 13-02, *Petition to Create SCR 40.145 relating to the Waiver of Fees for Qualified Veterans*

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 13-02 filed by the Board of Bar Examiners (BBE). The petition was filed at the request of this court to implement the legislature's request that this court promulgate a rule waiving the initial admission fee for lawyers admitted to practice who are qualified veterans. See Wis. Stat. § 751.153. You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization has been identified as potentially having an interest in this matter. A copy of the petition can be found at the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

The court discussed this petition at an open rules conference on February 28, 2013. On February 26, 2013, the Department of Veterans Affairs sent a letter to the court requesting that the court include the waiver of the bar examination fee for qualified veterans. The court voted unanimously to adopt the petition with the modification to include waiver of the bar examination fee for qualified veterans. The court wanted to ensure that as many veterans as possible could benefit from this new rule. Therefore, the rule change is effective immediately and will also apply to all pending qualified applicants for the July 2013 bar exam. A copy of the Department of Veterans Affairs' February 26 letter is also on the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

Mindful of its commitment to encouraging public participation in the rules process, the court voted to solicit public comment on the new rule. All comments will become part of the public file in this matter and may be considered by the court at a future open rules conference.

Your comment, if any, to the rule petition should be filed by July 19, 2013, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, e-mail a Microsoft Word version of your response to [clerk@wicourts.gov](mailto:clerk@wicourts.gov). See comment guidelines at the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>.

You might wish to consult the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/supreme.htm> to follow this rule petition. Court communications on the petition and any written comments filed with the clerk's office will be posted on the Web site.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact 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](mailto:susan.gray@wicourts.gov)).

Very truly yours,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich

Supreme Court Commissioner

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cc: Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson  
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley  
Justice N. Patrick Crooks  
Justice David T. Prosser, Jr.  
Justice Patience Drake Roggensack  
Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler  
Justice Michael J. Gableman  
Board of Bar Examiners

**List of Interested Parties for Supreme Court Rules Matters**

Chief Circuit Court Judges  
Circuit Court Judges  
Court of Appeals Judges  
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney  
Director of State Courts  
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: John F. Ebbott  
League of Women Voters  
Marquette Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney  
Office of Lawyer Regulation  
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Kelli S. Thompson  
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: J.B. Van Hollen  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Kevin Klein  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: George Brown  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Natasha Fahey-Flynn  
U.W. Law School, Attention: Margaret Raymond  
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director  
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Lynn M. Stathas  
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Arman S. Rouf  
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Jane E. Garrott, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attn: Jazmin Taylor  
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever  
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Alice Rudebusch  
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Attorney John Knight  
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Pam Radtke  
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: David Callender  
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki and Andy Cook  
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Diane Schlipper, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: Sandra Grady, Exec. Secretary  
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Adria D. Maddaleni  
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Rosemary Elbert  
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: James Alexander  
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: April Southwick  
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Joy Pecha  
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Scott Letteney  
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association, Attention: Amy Franzen  
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: Francis X. Sullivan  
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuench  
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Amanda Rockmann, President  
Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney  
Steven Levine, Attorney

**List of Additional Interested Parties – if any**

Michael Trepanier, Deputy Secretary, Wis. Department of Veterans Affairs