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To: Patrick Fiedler, President, State Bar of Wisconsin

Re: Rule Petition 13-08, Petition to Amend SCRs 10.05(4)(a)5 and 10.05(4)(g), Board of Governors, Functions; 10.06(2) Executive Committee, Powers; 10.09(2) Disbursements; 10.12 Official Publication, Notice to Members; and 10.13(2) Amendment, Amendment of Bylaws

Dear Mr. Fiedler:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of Rule Petition No. 13-08 which proposes amendments to modify the manner in which the State Bar designates an official publication and how it provides notice to its members. The court briefly discussed this petition at its open rules conference on September 12, 2013, and requested that I seek additional information about the proposed amendments. Specifically, your response to the following issues or questions is sought at this time:

- Will notice of supreme court orders, notice of public hearings and open conferences, etc., via the State Bar Web site be accessible only to State Bar members who log in?
- What is the State Bar's position on providing/giving notice to its members? To the public?
- Do you anticipate a change in the level of access on the State Bar's Web site to supreme court orders and notices of public hearings or oral arguments?

Please file your response by Friday, November 29, 2013, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, e-mail a Microsoft Word version of your response to carrie.janto@wicourts.gov or clerk@wicourts.gov.

The court may request further information prior to a public hearing or open rules conference. The court may take any action it deems appropriate, including any of the following:

- (a) Adopt the rule proposed, or a modified version, without further comment.
- (b) Reject the rule proposed without further comment.
- (c) Circulate the rule petition for comment without a public hearing.
- (d) Schedule the rule petition for public hearing.
- (e) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.

- (f) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

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 are posted on the Web site.

If you have specific questions regarding this request, please contact me at (608) 261-6641 or julie.rich@wicourts.gov.

Yours very truly,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich

Supreme Court Commissioner

cc: Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson
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Justice N. Patrick Crooks
Justice David T. Prosser, Jr.
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Justice Michael J. Gableman

List of Interested Parties for Supreme Court Rules Matters

Board of Bar Examiners
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
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: Robin Dalton
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Jane E. Garrott, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attn: DeAngela Luna
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: Margaret Drees, Executive Director
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: Sandra Grady, Exec. Secretary
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Micabil Diaz Martinez
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Rosemary Elbert
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke
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: Nancy Dowling
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: Nancy Wettersten
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
Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Attention: Executive Director

List of Additional Interested Parties – if any

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