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Wisconsin Supreme Court 110 East Main Street, Suite 215 P.O. Box 1688 Madison, WI 53701-1688

Dear Honorable Justices,

On behalf of the State Bar of Wisconsin, we would like to express the organization's thanks to the Office of Lawyer Regulation for continuing its work to modernize Wisconsin's trust account rules related to electronic banking. The ever changing and innovative dynamics of banking with which Wisconsin's attorneys are met will be well served by adopting these changes. On April 24, 2015, the Board of Governors voted unanimously to support petition 14-07.

In addition, the requested rule change would permit the State Bar of Wisconsin to conduct its annual attorney registration and renewal process online and to accept online payments for dues, fees, and assessments. Other required information, including signatures, could also be submitted online. Moving to an online process for these activities would make compliance more convenient for lawyers and increase efficiency. Many of our members already register or renew their memberships with other state bar associations and courts through an online process.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact State Bar of Wisconsin Executive Director George Brown or Public Affairs Director Lisa Roys.

Best regards,

Ralph M. Cagle, President State Bar of Wisconsin