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IN THE SUPREME COURT

**In the Matter of the Petition to
Amend Supreme Court Rule (SCR)
12.07 (2)(a), Relating to the Annual Assessment of Attorneys
for the Wisconsin Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection**

PETITION

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This rule proposal comes before the Wisconsin Supreme Court pursuant to SCR 12.07 (5) Periodic Review. The Wisconsin Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, by its Chair, Benjamin T. Kurten, hereby petitions the Wisconsin Supreme Court for the modification of SCR 12.07 (2)(a) Annual Assessments. The purpose of this amendment is to increase the annual assessment with the objective of providing a more sufficient amount of income for payment of eligible claims and to build up a reserve account.

PETITION

SECTION 1. 12.07 is amended as follows:

SCR 12.07 (2)(a) Annual assessments. Commencing with the state bar's 2013 2021¹ fiscal year, every attorney shall pay to the fund an annual assessment of ~~\$20~~ \$25. An attorney whose annual state bar membership dues are waived for hardship shall be excused from the payment of the annual assessment for that year. An attorney shall be excused from the payment of the annual assessment for the fiscal year during which he or she is admitted to practice in Wisconsin.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,



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¹ The annual assessments were \$20 from fiscal year 2013 through fiscal year 2020.