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Clerk of the Wisconsin Supreme Court
110 East Main Street, Suite 215
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Madison, WI 53701-1688

RE: Petition 21-06 Court Security

Dear Honorable Justices,

On February 25, 2022, the State Bar of Wisconsin's Board of Governors (BOG), voted unanimously to support petition 21-06 related to Courthouse Security procedures. The security of our legal professionals, continues to weigh heavily within our profession.

We recognize that the petition before you relates to updating SCR Chapter 68 and construction or modification of courthouse facilities. Certainly, the security of judges, court personnel, attorneys, jurors and others as well as the full participation of litigants should be at the forefront of courtroom facilities. The State Bar appreciates the PPAC Subcommittee's work to ensure these guidelines are modernized to reflect technologies and potential threats. We thank Judge Michael Bohren for his leadership of the subcommittee and willingness to participate in the State Bar's meeting.

In addition, we are mindful of the recent tragedy of Judge John Roemer and past events in Marathon County that resulted in the death of Atty. Sara Quirt Sann and others. The threat of violence against the legal community and litigants both inside the courthouse and in our communities is ever present in our minds. We hope that these updates to Ch. 68 will aid in enhancing security for our legal system participants.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Larry Martin or Advocacy and Access to Justice Director Lisa Roys.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Furstace Daniels, President
State Bar of Wisconsin