

December 8, 2022

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Clerk of the Supreme Court
Attention: Deputy-Clerk Rules
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RE: Rule Petition 22-05, In the Matter of the Amendment of Supreme Court Rules 20:1.15 and 20:1.0, Relating to Electronic Banking

On behalf of the State Bar Standing Committee on Professional Ethics, which I currently chair, I write to inform the Court that our committee fully supports the proposed changes to SCRs 20:1.15 and 20:1.0 and recommends that they be approved as expeditiously as possible.

OLR Director Tim Samuelson and Trust Account Director Travis Stieren kindly shared their work on this petition with our committee and sought our input. We have reviewed and discussed the petition and wholly agree the proposal would greatly simplify the management of trust accounts for lawyers, impose no new obligations on Wisconsin lawyers, and pose no risks to clients. And, as always, our committee and other State Bar staff stand ready to assist in educating Wisconsin lawyers about any changes made.

We also respectfully request that a representative of our committee be permitted to appear before the Court at such time as a hearing on the petition is scheduled.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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