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**To: *Interested Parties – See Attached List***

**Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition 13-09, Petition to Amend SCRs 10.03(3) and(5) relating to classes of membership and membership dues and reduction of dues.**

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 13-09, filed by the State Bar of Wisconsin. The petition proposes certain changes to Supreme Court Rules 10.03(3) and 10.03(5) relating to classes of membership and membership dues and reduction of dues. The petition seeks to modify membership status of State Bar members to include a Senior Emeritus membership and Active Emeritus membership and to raise the age for Emeritus membership to 75. In addition, the proposed amendments grant a waiver of one-half dues to those members admitted to practice five or fewer years, rather than three or fewer years.

You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization has been identified as potentially having an interest in this matter. A copy of the petition can be found at the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

Consistent with standard practice, the court has scheduled and will conduct a public hearing and an open conference on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., to discuss this matter further. 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.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by January 3, 2014, 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](mailto:carrie.janto@wicourts.gov) or [clerk@wicourts.gov](mailto:clerk@wicourts.gov). See comment guidelines at the court's Web site at

<http://wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>. The petitioner shall file any response to the comments received on or before January 13, 2014.

If you are interested in appearing in person at the public hearing please notify Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk, by January 13, 2014, at [carrie.janto@wicourts.gov](mailto:carrie.janto@wicourts.gov) or 608-261-4302.

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 will be posted on the Web site.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact me at [julie.rich@wicourts.gov](mailto:julie.rich@wicourts.gov) or 608-266-7442.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich

Supreme Court Commissioner

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cc: Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson  
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley  
Justice N. Patrick Crooks  
Justice David T. Prosser, Jr.  
Justice Patience Drake Roggensack  
Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler  
Justice Michael J. Gableman  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Patrick J. Fiedler  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: George Brown  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys

**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  
Shelley M. Fite, Local Attorney Manager, State Public Defender-Appellate Division

**List of Additional Interested Parties – if any**

State Bar of Wisconsin – Senior Lawyers Division  
State Bar of Wisconsin – Young Lawyers Division