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Clerk of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin  
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RE: Comments Regarding Supreme Court Petition 15-01 Involving Proposed Review of  
Lawyer Regulation System

Dear Clerk of Supreme Court:

I am writing to provide written comments regarding Petition 15-01 which is scheduled for hearing before the Supreme Court on September 21. I would like to appear before the Court at that time for additional comments and response to questions.

It is my understanding that the proposed Petition would call for a regular review of the Lawyer Regulation System. As a participant in the Lawyer Regulation System as Respondent's Counsel, I do concur with the need for a regular review of the Lawyer Regulation System. This review could be conducted by an appropriate Committee with a survey or request for written comments from practitioners and other involved with the Lawyer Regulation System.

The Supreme Court is currently considering another Petition that would allow certain discretion to be exercised by the Office of Lawyer Regulation is regard to the processing of complaints against lawyers. While I support that Petition and write separately regarding that Petition, the granting of discretionary authority to the Office of Lawyer Regulation may well dictate the need for some type of regular review of the process and procedure used by the Officer of Lawyer Regulation to address lawyer discipline. It also may be appropriate to appoint a specific Committee for the purpose of reviewing the Lawyer Regulation System which would be comprised of a Supreme Court Justice, a Referee, a representative from the Officer of Lawyer Regulation and several Respondent's Counsel as well as OLR designated Counsel. This would


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provide an opportunity for an open discussion regarding the process and procedure used for the Lawyer Regulation System.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment regarding the proposed Petition. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before the Supreme Court on September 21 for further comments and discussion.

Very truly yours,

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