



STATE BAR OF WISCONSIN

Leaders in the Law. Advocates for Justice.®

October 14, 2019

Sent Via Electronic Mail and Regular Mail

Clerk of Supreme Court  
Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules  
P.O. Box 1688  
Madison, WI 53701-1688  
clerk@wicourts.gov

RE: Position of State Bar of Wisconsin Regarding Rule Petition 19-11 Submitted by OLR  
Process Review Committee

Dear Clerk of Supreme Court:

We are writing on behalf of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Wisconsin in regard to Petition 19-11 submitted by the OLR Process Review Committee and its Subcommittee on Charging Process. This Petition contains proposed Rule changes relating to procedures that would be followed by the OLR Director when deciding that a matter would not be pursued for lack of an allegation of possible misconduct. The proposed revisions to various SCRs provide that the Director would provide a "brief written statement of reasons" for the action being taken particularly if the Director is closing a matter or dismissing a matter. The Petition also provides for the creation of certain additional Rules that would expedite the Charging Process such as waiving the presentation of a matter to the Preliminary Review Committee or providing for obtaining consent for the imposition of a public or private reprimand.

The Board of Governors considered the items contained in Petition 19-11 and agrees with the proposed changes and additions to the Rules relating to the Charging Process. The Board of Governors believes that the proposed changes would support the desire for a timely review of a grievance and would instill greater confidence in the Charging Process by allowing for expeditious review of matters and the processing of matters without review by the Preliminary Review Committee if agreed to by the respondent.

Based upon these considerations, the Board of Governors supports the changes and additions being proposed in the Petition. We appreciate the opportunity to present this information to the Court.

Thank you for considering this matter. We respectfully request the opportunity to present this information and answer any questions that the Court may have at the Public Hearing to be held on December 9, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dean R. Dietrich".

Dean R. Dietrich  
State Bar of Wisconsin  
Board of Governors