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Commissioner David R. Pruhs
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Re: Rule Petition 19-13, In the Matter of the Petition to Amend Supreme Court Rule 35.015 (intro.) and (1), Relating to Qualifications for Appointment as a Guardian ad Litem in an Action Affecting the Family (GAL Qualifications)

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 19-13 filed April 9, 2019 by Senator Roger Roth and Representative Robert Brooks, on behalf of the Joint Legislative Council. The petition proposes amending Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 35.015 pertaining to the educational requirements for guardian ad litem appointments in matters under Ch. 767. A copy of the petition can be found on the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

The court requests that you share this information with the members of the Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association. The Association and individual family court commissioners are invited to provide this court with feedback regarding the proposed changes to the rules pertaining to the educational requirements for guardian ad litem appointments.

The court intends to conduct a public hearing on this matter on October 22, 2019. Please note, the court may take any action on a rule petition 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.
- (d) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.

- (e) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by September 10, 2019, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, email a Microsoft Word version of your response to *clerk@wicourts.gov*. See comment guidelines at the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>. The petitioners may file any response to the comments by September 24, 2019.

You might wish to consult the court's website at <https://www.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 website.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact me by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, by telephone at 608-261-6642, or by email at *julie.rich@wicourts.gov*.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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