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Clerk of Supreme Court
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Re: Rule Petition 11-07, In the Matter of the Petition for Providing Legal Services
Following a Determination of Major Disaster

Dear Ms. Janto:

I write to you in response to Commissioner Rich's letter of March 22, 2012. That letter asked me to respond to the following question: According to the cover sheet which accompanied the petition, the rule would not adversely affect any person's procedural or substantive rights. Please explain why you believe it will not affect any person's substantive rights.

The petition provides for legal assistance and representation on a temporary basis after determination of a major disaster by attorneys not licensed in Wisconsin. The petition does not seek to provide legal remedies or alter rules of civil or criminal procedure, but merely to provide for legal advice and assistance by counsel in the emergency situation.

The petition is properly considered by the Supreme Court rather than the legislature because it relates to the ability to practice law in Wisconsin. The Supreme Court has established rules for other situations involving an out of state attorney's ability to practice law in Wisconsin, e.g., Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 10.03(4) [pro hac vice, military counsel, administrative proceedings, in-house counsel].

Very truly yours,

Keith L. Sellen
Director

Cc: Rod Rogahn, Chairperson, Board of Administrative Oversight
James Brennan, President, State Bar of Wisconsin