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RE: Petition 13-14 for amendment so SCR 60.04

Honorable Justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court:

On behalf of the Board and members of the Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners' Association (WI FCCA), I am submitting this letter in support of Petition 13-14. This Petition requests amendments to the Code of Judicial Conduct to address the ethical responsibilities of a judge when working with self-represented litigants.

WI FCCA heard a presentation on the proposed rule from Commissioners Bomrad, Doyle, and Boline in May of 2013. We also received a briefing on the final proposal from Commissioners Doyle and Boline on October 10, 2013. We then voted unanimously to support this petition.

WI FCCA would like to express support for this rule change. Given the many self-represented litigants whom circuit court commissioners see on a daily basis, we believe these clarifications can be of significant assistance to the circuit courts.

Sincerely,

Sandra K. Grady
Executive Secretary

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