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To: Interested Parties – See Attached List

Re: Rule Petition 14-05, Petition to amend Supreme Court Rule 20:3.4(a)

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 14-05 filed by Attorney Christopher Wiesmueller on November 10, 2014. The court discussed this matter at its December 5, 2014 open administrative rules conference and decided to obtain written comment before deciding whether to schedule a public hearing on the matter. The petition proposes certain changes to Supreme Court Rule 20:3.4(a).¹

You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization has been identified as potentially having an interest in this matter. A copy of the petition can be found at the court's web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by Friday, February 6, 2015, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, e-mail a Microsoft Word version of your response to clerk@wicourts.gov. See comment guidelines at the court's web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>. The petitioner shall file any response to the comments received on or before Friday, February 20, 2015.

Upon receipt of the written comments and response, the court will schedule the matter for discussion and may take any action it deems appropriate, including any of the following:

- (a) Reject the rule proposed without further comment.
- (b) Schedule the rule petition for public hearing.
- (c) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.
- (d) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

¹ SCR 20:3.4(a) provides that a lawyer shall not "unlawfully obstruct another party's access to evidence or unlawfully alter, destroy or conceal a document or other material having potential evidentiary value. A lawyer shall not counsel or assist another person to do any such act."

You might wish to consult the court's web site at <http://wicourts.gov/srules/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 web site.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact me by mail at Post Office Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, by telephone at (608) 261-6641, or by email at julie.rich@wicourts.gov.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich

Supreme Court Commissioner

cc: Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley
Justice N. Patrick Crooks
Justice David T. Prosser, Jr.
Justice Patience Drake Roggensack
Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler
Justice Michael J. Gableman
Attorney Christopher Wiesmueller

List of Interested Parties for Supreme Court Rules Matters

Badger State Sheriffs Association, Attention: Executive Director
Board of Bar Examiners
Chief Circuit Court Judges
Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney
Circuit Court Judges
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney
Court of Appeals Judges
Diane M. Fremgen, Clerk of Supreme Court
Director of State Courts
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director
League of Women Voters
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: John F. Ebbott
Marquette Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney
Office of Lawyer Regulation, Attention: Keith Sellen, Director
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Kelli S. Thompson
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: J.B. Van Hollen
Shelley M. Fite, Local Attorney Manager, State Public Defender-Appellate Division
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: George Brown
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Patrick J. Fiedler
Steven Levine, Attorney
U.W. Law School, Attention: Margaret Raymond
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Lynn M. Stathas
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Robin Dalton
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Jane E. Garrott, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attn: DeAngela Luna
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Alice Rudebusch
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Attorney John Knight
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Pam Radtke
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: David Callender
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki and Andy Cook
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Margaret Drees, Executive Director
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: Sandra Grady, Exec. Secretary
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Micabil Diaz Martinez
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Rosemary Elbert
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: April Southwick
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Joy Pecha
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Scott Letteney
Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Attention: Executive Director
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association, Attention: Nancy Dowling
Wisconsin Sheriff & Deputy Sheriff Association, Attention: James I. Cardinal, Exec. Dir.
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: Nancy Wettersten
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuensch
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Amanda Rockmann, President

List of Additional Interested Parties – if any

Dean Dietrich, Attorney