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Jacquelynn Rothstein, Director  
Board of Bar Examiners  
110 East Main Street, Suite 715  
Madison, WI 53701

Re: Rule Petition 16-09, In the Matter of the Petition to Amend SCR 40.05

Dear Ms. Rothstein:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 16-09, which was filed on November 25, 2016, by President Shannon Holsey, Stockbridge-Munsee Community. The petition asks this court to amend SCR 40.05 to allow any legal services with any federally recognized Indian tribe be "counted" for purposes of SCR 40.05(1)(b), provided the applicant shows proof of bar admission, in good standing, in the state in which the federally recognized tribe is located. A copy of the petition and supporting documents is attached for your convenience.

Consistent with its standard practice, the court discussed this petition in open rules conference on January 12, 2017. The court voted to request additional information from the petitioner and to seek input from the Board of Bar Examiners (BBE) before proceeding with this rule petition. Accordingly, the court requests the BBE submit a written response to the petition by March 10, 2017. The BBE's response should address, inter alia, if the BBE recommends this court adopt a rule relating to how the practice in or for tribal courts fits in our system for admitting lawyers, and if the BBE supports the petition as drafted.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Anne Rich".

Julie Anne Rich  
Supreme Court Commissioner

Enclosure

cc: Chief Justice Patience Drake Roggensack  
Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson  
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley  
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