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To: Interested Persons – See Attached List

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.

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 on the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

At the closed administrative rules conference on June 6, 2019, the court conducted a preliminary discussion of this matter and voted to obtain written comments and schedule a public hearing. The public hearing will be conducted 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/

Julie Anne Rich

Supreme Court Commissioner

cc: Chief Justice Patience Drake Roggensack
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley
Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler
Justice Rebecca Grassl Bradley
Justice Daniel Kelly
Justice Rebecca Frank Dallet
Justice Brian K. Hagedorn
Senator Roger Roth
Representative Robert Brooks

List of Interested Persons for Supreme Court Rules Matters

Badger State Sheriffs Association, Attention: Executive Director
Board of Administrative Oversight, Attention: Joseph M. Russell, Chair
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
Deputy Director for Court Operations, Diane M. Fremgen
Court Operations, Kat Carpenter
Court Operations, Ann Olson
Dean Dietrich, Attorney
Clerk of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Sheila T. Reiff
Director of State Courts, Honorable Randy Koschnick
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director
Hamilton Consulting Group, Attention: Andrew C. Cook
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: David Pifer, Executive Director
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Attention: Colleen Foley, Executive Director
Marquette University 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 State Public Defender, Attention: Jeremy C. Perri
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: Terri Surita
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Larry Martin, Executive Director
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys, Public Affairs Director
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Jill M. Kastner, President
Steven Levine, Attorney
University of Wisconsin Law School, Attention: Margaret Raymond
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Ann Peacock
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Robin Dalton
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Bryan Roessler, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attn: Jessica Butler
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Susan Schaubel
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Attorney John Knight
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Rose Oswalk Poels, CEO
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Penny Carter
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Marcie Rainbolt
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki, Executive Director
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Greta Mattison, Executive Director
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: David Pruhs, Exec. Secretary
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Cynthia Herber
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Kimberly Haas, Executive Director
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: Thomas W. Bertz
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Samuel Christensen
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Robert Kupfer
Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Attention: Beth Bennett, Executive Director
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association
Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association, Attention: Sandy Schueller
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: John Gelhard

Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gregory Gill, Jr.
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Eugene White-Fish, President