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**In re amendment of SCR 70.20,  
relating to authority of the chief judge.**

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**PETITION  
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For the reasons set forth in the accompanying supporting memorandum, the Committee of Chief Judges respectfully petitions the court to amend Supreme Court Rule 70.20 relating to authority of the chief judge. This petition is made pursuant to the court's rulemaking authority under Wis. Stat. § 751.12 and its administrative authority over all courts conferred by Article VII, § 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution.

**TEXT OF PROPOSED CHANGES**

**SECTION 1.** SCR 70.20 (1) is amended to read:

70.20 (1) The chief judge shall exercise within the judicial administrative district the full administrative power of the judicial branch of government subject to the administrative control of the supreme court. The chief judge may order that his or her directives, policies and rules be carried out. Failure to comply with an order of the chief judge may be grounds for discipline under sections 757.81 to 757.99 of the statutes, reassignment of cases under section 751.03, or both.

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2019.

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Honorable James Morrison  
Chair, Committee of Chief Judges