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RE: Petition 21-07 Admission to the Bar

Dear Honorable Justices,

I am responding to a request for information on petition 21-07, related to admission to the Bar. We appreciate the opportunity to provide information related to the registration process for newly admitted attorneys. The State Bar will not be weighing in on the balance of the petition.

The State Bar is notified once a new attorney is certified by the Board of Bar Examiners and has been administered the attorneys' oath. Upon receipt, a notice to the new attorney is sent with instructions for registration. State Bar staff are on-site at the Court for larger classes of new admittees where the registration process can be completed at that point.

Otherwise, the "New Member Enrollment Form" which includes all required information under State Bar Bylaw Article I, Section 1, is available on the State Bar's website for easy access. New admittees may return that form via email and pay required dues and fees over the phone. Anecdotally, the State Bar's member records team indicated that most new members complete the registration process within the first week of admission.

This process is ongoing throughout the year, with new members admitted following successful graduation, the bar exam or by proof of practice. The State Bar administration believes a single requirement of fourteen (14) days for completion of registration, regardless of the process used for admission, is both achievable for the registrant and more manageable for our staff. The State Bar also supports modification of SCR 10.03(2) to ensure the rules are consistent.

In addition, the State Bar supports the inclusion of a footnote under SCR Ch. 40, which provides guidance for all newly admitted attorneys.

Again, the State Bar appreciates the opportunity to provide information for petition 21-07. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Larry Martin or Advocacy and Access to Justice Director Lisa Roys.

Sincerely,  
Ss/

Cheryl Furstace Daniels, President  
State Bar of Wisconsin