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To: Interested Persons – See Attached List

Re: Rule Petition 21-07, In the Petition to Amend SCR 40.02 Relating to the Qualifications for Admission

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 21-07, filed on November 2, 2021 by Jacquelynn B. Rothstein, Executive Director, Board of Bar Examiners. This rule petition asks the court to amend Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 40.02 to permit qualified individuals for admission to appear remotely, via audio-visual communications technology, in order to take the Attorney's Oath before a justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court or another court upon request.¹ A copy of the petition can be found on the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/index.htm>.

At a closed conference on December 14, 2021, the court discussed this matter and voted to solicit public written comment and specifically invites the State Bar of Wisconsin's response regarding this petition.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by Thursday, January 20, 2022 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/process.htm>. The petitioner may file a response to the comments by Friday, February 4, 2022.

¹ As a temporary measure the court allowed individuals who were unable to participate in an in-person admission ceremony but who were otherwise qualified for admission to remotely appear via audio-visual communications technology before a justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court to take the Attorney's Oath. S. Ct. Interim Administrative Order Regarding an Alternative Procedure for Admission to the Bar, issued May 28, 2021. By letter dated October 4, 2021, the BBE sought and received an extension of the court's Interim Administrative Order. See S. Ct. Interim Administrative Order Regarding an Alternative Procedure for Admission to the Bar, issued October 18, 2021 (extending remote admission provision until June 30, 2022). The court directed the BBE that if it concluded that the alternative procedure should become permanent, a rule petition proposing alternative procedures for admission to the bar should be filed.

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.
- (c) Schedule the rule petition for a public hearing.
- (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.

You might wish to consult the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/index.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 Annette Kingsland Ziegler
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley
Justice Patience Drake Roggensack
Justice Rebecca Grassl Bradley
Justice Rebecca Frank Dallet
Justice Brian Hagedorn
Justice Jill J. Karofsky
Jacqueline B. Rothstein, Executive Director,
Board of Bar Examiners

List of Interested Persons for Supreme Court Rules

Badger State Sheriffs' Association, Attention: Executive Director
Board of Administrative Oversight, Attention: Lori S. Kornblum, Chair
Board of Bar Examiners
Chief Circuit Court Judges
Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney
Circuit Court Judges
Clerk of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Sheila T. Reiff
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney
Court of Appeals Judges
Court Operations: Diane M. Fremgen, Deputy Director for Court Operations
Court Operations: Ann Olson, Krista Miller, Amber Peterson, Beth Barroilhet
Dean Dietrich, Attorney
Department of Administration, State Prosecutors Office, Attention: Kasey Diess, Director
Director of State Courts, Honorable Randy Koschnick
District Court Administrators
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director
Hamilton Consulting Group, Attention: Rebecca Hogan, R.J. Pirlot, Adam Jordahl
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: Deedee Peterson, Executive Director
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Attention: Colleen Foley, Executive Director
Marquette University Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney, Dean
Office of Lawyer Regulation, Attention: Timothy Samuelson, 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: Cheryl Furstace Daniels, President
University of Wisconsin Law School, Attention: Daniel Tokaji, Dean
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Ann Peacock
Wisconsin Asian American Bar Association, Attention: Bryant Park
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Bryan Roessler, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Susan Schaubel
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: John Knight
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Kris Cleven, Vice President-Legal
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Regina Kolbow, Carlo Esqueda
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Marcie Rainbolt
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jenni Kilpatrick, Executive Director;
Andrew Hebl, President
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Greta Mattison, Executive Director
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: David Pruhs, Exec. Secretary
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Pamela M. Ritger
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Beth Ann Richlen, Executive Director
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: William C. Gleisner, III, Chair
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 Gwendolyn Topping, President