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You are hereby notified that the Court, by its Clerk and Commissioners, has entered the following order:

No. 2024AP2110-D

Office of Lawyer Regulation v. Michael B. Padden

In this reciprocal discipline matter, we are called upon to review whether to revoke the Wisconsin law license of Attorney Michael B. Padden as discipline reciprocal to that imposed by the State of Minnesota in In re Disciplinary Action Against Padden, 10 N.W.3d 291 (Minn. 2024) (disbarring Attorney Padden).

On August 12, 2025, this court issued an order setting forth the following briefing schedule: (1) within 14 days of the date of the order, the parties were to file simultaneous briefs regarding whether the exceptions to reciprocal discipline under SCR 22.22(3)(a) and (c) apply here, as alleged by Attorney Padden in his Amended Answer; and (2) the parties were to file simultaneous response briefs by no more than 10 days from the date their initial briefs were filed. The court mailed the order to three addresses for Attorney Padden: (1) Padden Law Firm PLLC, P.O. Box 106, Hudson, WI 54016-0106; (2) Padden Law Firm, 8677 Eagle Point Blvd., Lake Elmo, MN 55042; and (3) 656 Hickory Ridge Trail, Meteor, WI 54835.

On August 22, 2025, Attorney Padden emailed the clerk of this court, claiming that on that day, he first learned of the court's August 12, 2025 order. Attorney Padden requested that the August 26, 2025 deadline for the filing of initial briefs be extended at least two weeks from the date of his email. By an email sent that same day, the clerk of this court directed Attorney Padden to place his request in the form of a motion, filed with the court and served on counsel for the Office of Lawyer Regulation.

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On August 25, 2025, Attorney Padden filed an extension motion in which he appears to suggest that he did not receive any of the copies of the August 12, 2025 order mailed by this court. As he did in his August 22, 2025 email to the clerk of this court, Attorney Padden asserts that he first learned of the court's August 12, 2025 order on August 22, 2025. He asks for a two-week extension of the August 26, 2025 deadline for the filing of initial briefs; i.e., an extension until September 9, 2025.

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted in part. Based on Attorney Padden's representations to this court regarding his alleged lack of receipt of this court's August 12, 2025 order, the briefing deadline is hereby modified as follows: (1) by September 5, 2025 (i.e., 14 days from August 22, 2025—the date that Attorney Padden claims he first received notice of the August 12, 2025 order), the parties must file simultaneous briefs regarding whether the exceptions to reciprocal discipline under SCR 22.22(3)(a) and (c) apply here, as alleged by Attorney Padden in his Amended Answer; and (2) the parties must file simultaneous response briefs by no more than 10 days from the date their initial briefs are filed. No further extensions will be granted. As stated in the court's August 12, 2025 order, the court will not hold oral argument and will decide this matter based on the provided briefing and other papers of record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, given Attorney Padden's alleged lack of receipt of the mailed copies of this court's August 12, 2025 order, the clerk of this court is hereby instructed to both mail a copy of this order to Attorney Padden's above-noted address, and to email a copy of this order to the email address provided by Attorney Padden in his August 22, 2025 email to the clerk of this court (Mike.Padden@PaddenLaw.com).

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Supreme Court