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You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following order:

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In the Matter of Petition/Notice of Voluntary Resignation from the State Bar of Wisconsin  
Regarding Michael W. Starkweather:

On February 21, 2020, Attorney Michael W. Starkweather filed a petition to resign his membership in the State Bar of Wisconsin. On February 28, 2020, the court was advised by the Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) that a grievance remained pending against Attorney Starkweather.

On March 9, 2020, this court issued an order holding the petition for voluntary resignation in abeyance and ordered the OLR to provide a brief status report to the court within 60 days of the date of the order, advising whether the OLR recommended the court grant Attorney Starkweather's petition for voluntary resignation from the State Bar of Wisconsin. On May 7, 2020, the OLR filed a status report stating that its investigation was ongoing and requesting that the court deny, or in the alternative, continue to hold Attorney Starkweather's voluntary resignation petition in abeyance. On May 11, 2020, this court issued an order holding

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the petition for voluntary resignation in abeyance. On July 16, 2020, the OLR filed a report requesting the court to continue to hold Attorney Starkweather's resignation petition in abeyance pending the conclusion of the reciprocal discipline case.

On October 30, 2020, this court issued an order suspending Attorney Starkweather's law license for 36 months, effective immediately, in In re Disciplinary Proceedings Against Starkweather, 2020 WI 83, 394 Wis. 2d 208, 950 N.W.2d 199. In light of this court's decision, we directed the OLR to provide this court with a memorandum addressing the pending Notice of Voluntary Resignation. Attorney Starkweather's response, if any, to the OLR's memorandum was due within seven days of its receipt.

On December 21, 2020, the OLR filed a memorandum stating no OLR matters involving Attorney Starkweather are pending and they do not oppose Attorney Starkweather's petition to resign his membership in the State Bar of Wisconsin. Attorney Starkweather did not file a response. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Michael W. Starkweather's petition to resign as a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin is hereby granted.

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Sheila T. Reiff  
Clerk of Supreme Court