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

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2016AP563-D

Office of Lawyer Regulation v. Michael D. Petersen

In March 2016, the Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) issued a complaint alleging nine counts of misconduct against Attorney Michael D. Petersen. On October 21, 2016, the OLR and Attorney Petersen entered into a stipulation whereby Attorney Petersen admitted all counts of misconduct, and the parties jointly recommended the imposition of a one-year suspension as an appropriate sanction. On May 8, 2017, Referee William Eich issued a report and recommendation agreeing that a one-year suspension was appropriate.

In order for the court to make a reasoned decision about the propriety of the stipulated sanction, it would be helpful to have a more detailed explanation supporting the proposed sanction. Accordingly, we order the parties to show cause why a suspension longer than one year should not be imposed.

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Office of Lawyer Regulation v. Michael D. Petersen

IT IS ORDERED that Attorney Michael D. Petersen and the Office of Lawyer Regulation show cause, in writing, to this court within 20 days of the date of this order why a suspension longer than one year should not be imposed on Attorney Petersen's license to practice law in Wisconsin.

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Diane M. Fremgen  
Clerk of Supreme Court