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April 11, 2001

SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

Cornelia G. Clark
Clerk of Supreme Court
Madison, WI

In the Matter of the Petition for
a Temporary Order Relating to
Attorney Trust Account
Certification Requirements
pursuant to SCR 20:1.15(g)

ORDER
No. 01-06

On March 16, 2001, Keith Sellen, Director of the Office of Lawyer Regulation, and Gary L. Bakke, President of the State Bar of Wisconsin, filed a petition seeking a temporary order clarifying the accounts a lawyer must certify, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 20:1.15(g), on the fiscal year 2002 State Bar dues statement. The court has considered the petition and determined that a public hearing is not required at this time.

At an open administrative conference on April 5, 2001, the court agreed to clarify SCR 20:1.15(a) and (g) as follows: A lawyer must certify all trust accounts and safe deposit boxes in which the lawyer deposits clients' funds or property held in connection with a representation or held in a fiduciary capacity that directly arises in the course of or as a result of a lawyer-client relationship.

IT IS ORDERED that the petition is dismissed with this clarification made to SCR 20:1.15(a) and (g).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if further clarification or amendment to this Supreme Court Rule is needed, the matter should be raised at the hearing relating to professional responsibility to be held in the fall of 2001.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 11th day of April, 2001.

BY THE COURT:

Cornelia G. Clark
Clerk of Court