

# SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

No. 19-11

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**In the Matter for an Order Creating Supreme Court Rules 22.02(6)(d), 22.05(1)(e), and 22.11(2)(b) and (c), Repealing Supreme Court Rule 22.10(7)(b) and (c), Amending Supreme Court Rules 22.02(4) and (6)(a), 22.05(2), and 22.10(4) and Renumbering and Amending Supreme Court Rules 22.10(7)(a) and 22.11(2) (OLR Charging)**

**FILED**

**DEC 18, 2019**

Sheila T. Reiff  
Clerk of Supreme Court  
Madison, WI

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On March 13, 2019, the Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) Procedure Review Committee ("Committee"), by its Chair, the Honorable Gerald P. Ptacek, and by Attorney Paul Schwarzenbart, Chair of the Subcommittee on Charging Process, filed a rule petition asking the court to modify its rules to improve communications between the OLR and grievants, streamline the procedures applicable to consent reprimands, and to alleged breaches of a diversion agreement.

The court voted to seek written comments and conduct a public hearing. A letter soliciting comment was sent to interested persons on September 30, 2019. The court received one written response from Attorney Dean R. Dietrich, on behalf of the State Bar of Wisconsin Board of Governors, supporting the petition.

The court conducted a public hearing on December 9, 2019. Attorney Paul Schwarzenbart, Chair of the Subcommittee on Charging Process, presented the petition to the court. Keith Sellen, Director, Office of Lawyer Regulation, responded to certain questions raised by the court. Attorney Dean R. Dietrich, on behalf of the State Bar of Wisconsin Board

of Governors, and the Honorable Gerald P. Ptacek, Chair of the Committee, both spoke in support of the petition.

At an ensuing closed administrative rules conference, the court voted to grant the petition. The petition will amend Supreme Court Rules (SCR) 22.02, 22.05, 22.10, and 22.11. Mindful that several other rule petitions proposing amendments to the OLR rules are pending, the court will hold issuance of a final order delineating the specific rule changes in abeyance pending its consideration of the other pending OLR Procedure Review Committee's rule petitions. At that time, the court will issue a final order reflecting all the changes. In the interim, a marked version of SCRs chs. 10, 20, 21, 22, and 31, reflecting the rule changes approved to date is available on the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that effective July 1, 2020, rule petition 19-11, In the Matter for an Order Creating Supreme Court Rules 22.02(6)(d), 22.05(1)(e), and 22.11(2)(b) and (c), Repealing Supreme Court Rule 22.10(7)(b) and (c), Amending Supreme Court Rules 22.02(4) and (6)(a), 22.05(2), and 22.10(4) and Renumbering and Amending Supreme Court Rules 22.10(7)(a) and 22.11(2) (OLR Charging) is granted, subject to issuance of a further order by this court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the court's final order setting forth changes to SCRs chs. 10, 20, 21, 22, and 31 is held in abeyance pending the court's resolution of the remaining Office of Lawyer Regulation Procedure Review Committee petitions.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 18th day of December, 2019.

BY THE COURT:

Sheila T. Reiff  
Clerk of Supreme Court

