

SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

No. 07-09

In the matter of the Definition of the Practice
of Law and the Administration of a Rule
Defining the Practice of Law

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David R. Schanker
Clerk of Supreme Court
Madison, WI

On June 19, 2007, the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Wisconsin ("State Bar") filed a petition asking the court to create a new court rule to define the practice of law and to create a system to administer the rule, subject to supervision and control by the court. A public hearing and open administrative conference on this matter were conducted on December 10, 2007. Numerous interested persons appeared at the hearing or submitted written comments. The court further discussed the matter, including additional written comments received, at an open administrative conference on March 14, 2008.

On April 23, 2008, the State Bar submitted a letter asking the court to hold this matter in abeyance in order to permit the State Bar to carefully evaluate the various proposals submitted regarding this matter. The court approved the State Bar's request at an open administrative conference on April 24, 2008, and by written order dated May 29, 2008. The court also ordered the State Bar to advise the court, in writing, of the status of

its review of this matter. The court has been informed that the State Bar has completed its review.

IT IS ORDERED that on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., at its open administrative conference in the Supreme Court Room in the State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin, the court shall discuss this matter. As this petition has already been the subject of a public hearing, general public testimony will not be entertained at the open conference. The court may, in its discretion, direct questions to individuals present at the conference to aid the court's consideration of this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the administrative conference be given by publication of a copy of this order in the official state newspaper once each week for three consecutive weeks and in an official publication of the State Bar of Wisconsin not more than 60 days nor less than 30 days before the date of the hearing.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 30th day of July, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

David R. Schanker
Clerk of Supreme Court

