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Via E-mail Distribution

To: Hon. Richard G. Niess
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Re: Rule Petition 26-01, *In re Amendments to SCR 60.04(4)-(8) Regarding Judicial Campaign-Related Recusal Rules*

Dear Hon. Richard G. Niess,

We are assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of Rule Petition 26-01, filed on January 30, 2026. The court discussed this petition at a closed administrative conference on March 11, 2026, and voted to solicit public comment and schedule a public hearing at a future date. Additionally, the court requested that you, on behalf of the petitioners, provide answers to the following questions in writing:

1. Have the petitioners considered how the proposed amendments to SCR 60.04(4), (6), (7), and (8) will impact the Comments to those sections, and do any of the Comments to those sections need to be moved, amended, or repealed?
2. Have the petitioners considered whether the proposed amendments to SCR 60.04(4)-(6) will impact WIS. STAT. § 757.19?

Please file your response by April 27, 2026, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. Additionally, please e-mail a Microsoft Word version of your response to clerk@wicourts.gov.

Court communications on the petition and any written comments filed with the clerk's office are posted on the court's website, at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/2601.htm>.

If you have specific questions regarding this matter, you may contact us by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, by telephone at 608-261-6642, or by e-mail at Bridget.Schoenborn@wicourts.gov and tim.barber@wicourts.gov.

Yours very truly,

/s/

Bridget Schoenborn and Timothy M. Barber
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