



Supreme Court of Wisconsin

16 EAST STATE CAPITOL
P.O. BOX 1688
MADISON, WISCONSIN 53701-1688

Shirley S. Abrahamson
Chief Justice
Ann Walsh Bradley
N. Patrick Crooks
David T. Prosser, Jr.
Patience Drake Roggensack
Annette Kingsland Ziegler
Michael J. Gableman
Justices

Telephone (608) 266-1880
Facsimile (608) 267-0640
Web Site: www.wicourts.gov

A. John Voelker
Director of State Courts

A. John Voelker
Acting Clerk of Supreme Court

August 6, 2010

To:

Board of Bar Examiners
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: John F. Ebbott
League of Women Voters
Marquette Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney
Office of Lawyer Regulation
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Nicholas Chiarkas
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: J.B. Van Hollen
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: James C. Boll
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: George Brown
U.W. Law School, Attention: Kenneth B. Davis, Jr.
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Andrew Clarkowski
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Yer L. Vang
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Jane E. Garrott, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attn: Warren E. Buliox
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Comm. Julia E. Vosper
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Karen Hepfler
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Diane Schlipper
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: Comm. Sandra J. Marcus
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Carlos A. Ortiz
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Rosemary Elbert
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: James Alexander
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: April Southwick
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Ericka Nelson
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable JoAnn Eiring
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association, Attention: Kay Stelzner
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: Jorge Fuentes, President
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuench
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Leland Wigg-Ninham, President
Attorney Gregory G. Murphy, Moulton Bellingham PC
National Conference of Bar Examiners

Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition 09-09

Greetings,

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 09-09 filed by Attorney Steven Levine and 71 other State Bar members. The petition proposes changes to Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 40.03 by removing the words "in this state" wherever they are found in the rule or, in the alternative, to repeal SCR 40.03 entirely. This proposed change would extend the diploma privilege to graduates of all ABA-approved law schools or abolish it entirely. You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization has been identified as potentially having an interest in this matter. A copy of the petition can be found at the court's Website at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

Consistent with standard practice, the court has scheduled and will conduct a public hearing and an open administrative conference on September 30, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., to discuss this matter further. If you deem it appropriate, you are invited to appear in person at the public hearing and/or provide a written response to this petition by Friday, September 3, 2010. Responses should be filed with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. A Microsoft Word version of any comment shall be e-mailed to carrie.janto@wicourts.gov or clerk@wicourts.gov. See comment guidelines at the court's Website at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact Susan Gray, c/o Office of the Director of State Courts, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688 (telephone: 608-266-6708) (email: susan.gray@wicourts.gov).

Very truly yours,

Theresa M. Owens
Executive Assistant

TMO/skg

cc: Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley
Justice N. Patrick Crooks
Justice David T. Prosser, Jr.
Justice Patience Drake Roggensack
Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler
Justice Michael J. Gableman
Attorney Steven Levine & State Bar Members Who Join in Presenting the Petition (see attached list)