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***To: Interested Parties – See Attached List***

Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition 11-05, In the matter of the petition to review change in State Bar Bylaw.

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 11-05 filed by 25 active members of the State Bar of Wisconsin. The petition asks this court to review and void or amend the State Bar's proposed amendments to Article I, Section 5 of the bylaws of the State Bar of Wisconsin. The bylaw amendment concerns the arbitration process used when a State Bar member asserts that an expenditure of State Bar dues by the State Bar was not for purposes of "regulating the legal profession" or "improving the quality of legal services," as required by SCR 10.03(5)(b)1. 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 Web site 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 Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., to discuss this matter further.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by April 27, 2012, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, e mail a Microsoft Word version of your response to [carrie.janto@wicourts.gov](mailto:carrie.janto@wicourts.gov) or [clerk@wicourts.gov](mailto:clerk@wicourts.gov). See comment guidelines at the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>. The petitioner shall file any response to the comments received on or before May 9, 2012.

If you are interested in appearing in person at the public hearing please notify Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk, by May 9, 2012, at [carrie.janto@wicourts.gov](mailto:carrie.janto@wicourts.gov) or 608-261-4302.

You might wish to consult the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/supreme.htm> to follow this rule petition. Court communications on the petition and any written comments filed with the clerk's office will be posted on the Web site.

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,

/s/

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Supreme Court Commissioner

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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, on behalf of all 25 petitioners

**List of Interested Parties for Supreme Court Rules Matters**

Board of Bar Examiners  
Chief Circuit Court Judges  
Circuit Court Judges  
Court of Appeals Judges  
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney  
Director of State Courts  
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: Kelli S. Thompson  
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: J.B. Van Hollen  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: James Brennan  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: George Brown  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Adam Korbitz  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Natasha Fahey-Flynn  
U.W. Law School, Attention: Margaret Raymond  
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director  
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Lynn M. Stathas  
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Arman S. Rouf  
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Jane E. Garrott, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attn: Steven DeVougas  
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever  
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Cedric Cornwall  
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Attorney John Knight  
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Lonnie Wolf  
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: David Callender  
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki and Andrew C. Cook  
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Matthew Giesfeldt, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: Commr. Jason Hanson  
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Adria D. Maddaleni  
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Rosemary Elbert  
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: James Alexander  
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: April Southwick  
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Vicki Gilbertson  
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable JoAnn Eiring  
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association, Attention: Amy Franzen  
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: Francis X. Sullivan  
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuench  
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Amanda Rockmann, President  
Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney

**List of Additional Interested Parties – if any**