

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
SUPREME COURT**

In the matter of:

The petition of the State Bar of Wisconsin
proposing revisions to SCR 10.03(3) and
SCR 10.03(5) relating to classes of membership
and membership dues and reduction of dues.

PETITION FOR REVISION OF SUPREME COURT RULE 10.03(3) and 10.03(5)

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

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The State Bar of Wisconsin petitions the Court for a revision to Supreme Court Rule 10.03(3), relating to classes of membership in the State Bar and 10.03(5) relating to membership dues and reduction of dues for certain activities.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

SCR 10.03 (3) Classes of membership. (a) The members of the state bar are divided into 46 classes: active members, judicial members, inactive members, active emeritus members, senior emeritus members and emeritus members. The class of active members includes all members of the state bar except the judicial members and inactive members. The class of inactive members includes those persons who are eligible for active

membership but are not engaged in the practice of law in this state and have filed with the secretary of the association written notice requesting enrollment in the class of inactive members. The class of judicial members includes the following persons: supreme court justices, court of appeals judges, circuit court judges, full-time circuit court commissioners, full-time municipal court judges, supreme court commissioners, court of appeals staff attorneys, federal district court judges, federal appellate court judges, federal bankruptcy judges, federal magistrate judges, federal administrative law judges, and retired justices and judges who are eligible for temporary judicial assignment and are not engaged in the practice of law. Any judicial member may elect to become an active member with all rights of active membership except to hold office as an officer or governor or to practice law. The class of active emeritus members includes those active members ages 70 to 74 who perform the equivalent of 800 or more billable hours of legal work annually and have filed with the executive director of the association a written notice requesting enrollment in the class of active emeritus members. The class of senior emeritus members includes active members ages 70 to 74 who perform the equivalent of less than 800 billable hours of legal work annually and have filed with the executive director of the association a written notice requesting enrollment in the class of senior emeritus members. The class of emeritus members includes those persons who are either active or inactive members in good standing but who are at least 75 years of age and have filed with the executive director of the association a written notice requesting enrollment in the class of emeritus members. Members of An all categories of emeritus member have all the privileges of membership in the state bar, ~~and need not pay membership dues for the years following the year in which he or she attains the age of 70.~~

SCR 10.03(5) Membership dues and reduction of dues for certain activities. (a) The annual membership dues for state bar operations for an active member shall be established as provided herein. Other classes of members shall pay the fraction of the dues of an active member as follows: Supreme Court Justices, the full amount; inactive member, one-half; judicial members, two-thirds; senior emeritus members, one-half; emeritus members, no dues and members admitted to practice for ~~35~~ 35 years or less, one-half. For purposes of determining an active member's dues status based on the number of years admitted, there shall be no proration based on the exact month and year of admission. A fiscal year for which any dues are required to be paid under Bylaw 1,

Section 2 shall count as a full year and a fiscal year for which no dues payment is required shall not count as a year. A change in the dues of an active member for state bar operations may be made by the board of governors or as set forth herein. The state bar shall include in the dues statement each year the amount necessary to pay the costs of the Lawyer Regulation System and of the continuing legal education functions of the Board of Bar Examiners as approved by the Supreme Court. Judicial members other than Supreme Court Justices are not liable to pay the portion for the costs of these boards, as reflected in the dues statement. The state bar shall also include in the dues statement each year an assessment to support the public interest legal services fund, as approved by the supreme court. The state bar shall show separately on its annual dues statement the portion of the total dues for state bar operations, the assessments for each of the boards, and other assessments imposed by the supreme court. An emeritus member has all the privileges of membership in the state bar and need not pay membership dues for the years following the year in which he or she attains the age of 75.

Petitioners submit Supporting Memorandum and Cover Sheet in support of this request.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of June 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin G. Klein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "K".

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