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To: Interested Parties – See Attached List

Re: Rule Petition 15-03, In the Matter of Petition for Amendments to Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 15-03 filed on June 30, 2015 by Robert Gagan, then-President of the Wisconsin State Bar, on behalf of the State Bar's Standing Committee on Professional Ethics. The petition proposes certain amendments to chapter 20 of the supreme court rules (Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys). 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 on the court's website at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

Please note, the court may take any action on a rule petition it deems appropriate, including any of the following:

- (a) Adopt the rule proposed, or a modified version, without further comment.
- (b) Reject the rule proposed without further comment.
- (c) Circulate the rule petition for comment without a public hearing.
- (d) Schedule the rule petition for public hearing.
- (e) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.
- (f) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

The court has scheduled and will conduct two public hearings on this matter. The two hearings will focus on different parts of the petition, as briefly described below. Please see the hearing notice issued November 20, 2015, available on the court's website, for more detailed information as to the topics to be addressed on each date.

There will also be two sets of commenting deadlines, as outlined below. All comments should be filed by the respective due date with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, email a Microsoft Word version of your response to clerk@wicourts.gov. See comment guidelines at the court's website at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>.

January 22, 2016

The first public hearing and open conference will be held Thursday, January 22, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.. This hearing will focus on proposed amendments derived from the American Bar Association (ABA) Model Rules.

Any comment to be considered at the January 22 public hearing should be filed by Friday, December 18, 2015. The petitioner shall file any response to the comments by Wednesday, December 30, 2015. If you are interested in appearing in person at the January 22 hearing, please notify the Deputy Clerk for Rules by Friday, December 18, 2015, at clerk@wicourts.gov or 608-261-4302.

February 23, 2016

The court has scheduled a second public hearing and open conference for Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. This hearing will focus on proposed amendments that were not part of or that differ from the ABA Model Rules.

Any comment to be considered at the February 23 public hearing should be filed by Wednesday, February 3, 2016. The petitioner shall file any response to the comments by Wednesday, February 10, 2016. If you are interested in appearing in person at the February 23 hearing, please notify the Deputy Clerk for Rules by Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at the email address indicated above.

You might wish to consult the court's website 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 website.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact me by mail at Post Office Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, by telephone at (608) 261-6642, or by email at julie.rich@wicourts.gov.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich

Supreme Court Commissioner

cc: Chief Justice Patience Drake Roggensack
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Justice Ann Walsh Bradley
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Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler
Justice Michael J. Gableman
Justice Rebecca G. Bradley
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List of Interested Parties for Supreme Court Rules Matters

Badger State Sheriffs Association, Attention: Executive Director
Board of Bar Examiners
Chief Circuit Court Judges
Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney
Circuit Court Judges
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney
Court of Appeals Judges
Diane M. Fremgen, Clerk of Supreme Court
Director of State Courts
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director
Legal Action of Wisconsin
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Attention: Kimberly Walker, Executive Director
Marquette Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney
Office of Lawyer Regulation, Attention: Keith Sellen, Director
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Kelli S. Thompson
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: Brad D. Schimel
Shelley M. Fite, Attorney
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: George Brown, Executive Director
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys, Public Affairs Director
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Ralph M. Cagle, President
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U.W. Law School, Attention: Margaret Raymond
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Lynn M. Stathas
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Robin Dalton
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Bryan Roessler, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attn: DeAngela Luna
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Alice Rudebusch
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Attorney John Knight
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Pam Radtke
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki, Executive Director
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Monte Weiss, Amicus Curiae Committee Chair
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Margaret Drees, Executive Director
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: Sandra Grady, Exec. Secretary
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Micabil Diaz Martinez
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Kimberly Haas, Executive Director
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: April Southwick
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Joy Pecha
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Scott Letteney
Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Attention: Executive Director
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association, Attention: Nancy Dowling
Wisconsin Sheriff & Deputy Sheriff Association, Attention: James I. Cardinal, Exec. Dir.
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: Nancy Wettersten
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuensch
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Eugene White-fish, President