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The Honorable Patience D. Roggensack
Wisconsin Supreme Court
16 East State Capital
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Dear Justice Roggensack:

Re: Comment to Petition No. 15-05 In the
Matter of the Petition to Amend Supreme
Court Rule Chapter 31 and Chapter 10.03

I write as Chair of our firm's Pro Bono Committee to support the petition of the State Bar to amend the rules noted above. This amendment will allow registered in-house lawyers to provide pro bono legal services in the same manner as Wisconsin licensed lawyers. I join the Association of Corporate Counsel and others who advocate for this amendment.

I, and many others, am committed to pro bono work, which includes the acceptance of countless requests for such services by courts and agencies serving the indigent, and thus understand firsthand how the demand for such services is not fully met under the status quo.

Furthermore, I know this work is important to the community service so highly valued by many corporations. We foresee arrangements whereby firms may partner with their corporate clients to provide formidable legal teams to tackle some of the most pressing issues affecting those unable to afford legal services.

In conclusion, I ask the Court to receive well this Petition, recognize the extraordinary value that in-house counsel can add to servicing the legal needs of the indigent community and grant the Petition following the public hearing on April 13, 2016.

Yours very truly,



Mark A. Cameli
Chair, Pro Bono Committee