

Clerk of the Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 1688  
Madison, WI 53701.

Re: proposed amendment to SCR 20:2.4

I write in support as an individual mediator and as a representative of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Association of Mediators.

We support the proposed amendment to SCR 20:2.4 that will allow lawyer-mediators to draft settlement documents in family cases. This seems a logical follow-up to the actual mediation process and would put lawyer-mediators on an equal footing with their non-lawyer counterparts. In simplest terms, it would allow lawyer-mediators to do what non-lawyer mediators already do.

Mediators are well versed in remaining impartial and already have the mindset that allows them to act as an impartial party during mediation. The continuation of that impartial role while drafting settlement documents should not be a great challenge.

This change will benefit the courts by providing help for pro se litigants whose number is steadily increasing.

Sincerely,

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