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RE: Rule Petition 20-06, In the Matter of the Emeritus Status, Penalties for Late

Payment of Due and Fees, Technical Corrections, and Continuing Education

Requirements

Dear Ms. Rich:

I am writing in my personal capacity as a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin. I am writing to support the portions of Rule Petition 20-06 regarding emeritus status and continuing education requirements.

As a long-time member of the Bar, I support the proposals that would address attorneys reaching a certain age and becoming eligible to attain Senior Active status and thereby be subject to different Bar dues requirements and CLE requirements in recognition of their past experiences as a lawyer. I believe that the issue of emeritus status needs to be addressed by the Court and the proposal from the State Bar provides a fair and objective compromise to the various interests that are impacted by the concept of emeritus status.

I will be presenting on this Rule Petition on behalf of the State Bar of Wisconsin; however, I wanted to identify my personal support for this Petition. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this matter with the Court.

Sincerely,

DIETRICH VANDERWAAL, S.C.

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