

February 24, 2022

Clerk of the Wisconsin Supreme Court  
Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules  
110 East Main Street, Suite 215  
P.O. Box 1688  
Madison, WI 53701-1688

RE: Petition 21-05 Remote Administration of Oaths at Depositions

Dear Honorable Justices,

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Wisconsin, once again, I want to extend our gratitude for your leadership and partnership in addressing the challenges brought by the past two years of a pandemic. No doubt there are continuing challenges. We believe the petition before you is one of those operational changes that will help, even in a small way, to address these challenges.

The State Bar partnered with the Wisconsin Association for Justice in the initial request to the Supreme Court in 2020 to implement a process for the use of remote technology in taking dispositions. We appreciate the work of the WAJ leadership and staff in preparing language for consideration by this Court then and in preparing petition 21-05. The State Bar continues to support this concept, voting unanimously in September 2021 to support the petition prior to its introduction. Our letter in support to WAJ was filed as Appendix A and is attached here.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Larry Martin or Advocacy and Access to Justice Director Lisa Roys.

Sincerely,

/s/

Cheryl Furstace Daniels, President  
State Bar of Wisconsin



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October 1, 2021

Wisconsin Association for Justice  
Attention: James D. Rogers  
14 West Mifflin St., Suite 207  
Madison, WI 53703

RE: Petition Relating to the Remote  
Administration of Oaths at Depositions

Dear Atty. Rogers and Leaders of the WI Association for Justice:

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Wisconsin, I am writing to express our support for the Wisconsin Association for Justice's (WAJ) petition amending Wisconsin Statute § 804.03, relating to the remote administration of oaths at depositions. On September 23, 2021, the Board of Governors voted unanimously to support the petition.

The proposed petition was widely circulated to the State Bar's practice sections and divisions for input. The Board of Governors received support from the Litigation Section and Family Law Section Boards.

With this petition, the State Bar believes that the use of remote technology in administering oaths for depositions was one of those practices implemented to address the pandemic that should be maintained as a permanent practice and rule. The use of technology for this purpose provides litigants with effective and efficient depositions, reduces costs associated with litigation, while ensuring consistent and appropriate procedures.

Thank you again for seeking input from the State Bar. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Larry Martin ([lmartin@wisbar.org](mailto:lmartin@wisbar.org)) or Advocacy and Access to Justice Director Lisa Roys ([lroys@wisbar.org](mailto:lroys@wisbar.org)).

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Furstace Daniels, President  
State Bar of Wisconsin