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To: Chief Justice Ann Walsh Bradley
Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler
Justice Rebecca Grassl Bradley
Justice Rebecca Frank Dallet
Justice Brian Hagedorn
Justice Jill J. Karofsky
Justice Janet C. Protasiewicz

Re: Rule Petition 24-06,

The State Bar of Wisconsin appreciates the opportunity to review Petition 24-06 (the "Petition"), regarding the Lawyer Regulation System's District Committees. The State Bar's Board of Governors (BOG) acknowledges the necessity to continue to improve the attorney regulatory process and the expertise and professionalism the staff at the Office of Lawyer Regulation brings to that process. It is important that regulatory matters are settled in an expeditious and professional manner both for the benefit of the practicing attorneys and the protection of the public.

At its April 11, 2025, meeting the Board of Governors considered the merits of the petition and the continued use of district committees in the regulatory process. During its discussion, BOG members did express disappointment over the discontinuation of a formal procedure for the inclusion of local input to the disciplinary process. However, the Board ultimately voted unanimously to not oppose the adoption of the petition.

Finally, Past President Dean Dietrich would like the opportunity to speak on behalf of the State Bar at the public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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