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To: Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners
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Re: Rule Petition 25-04, In re Amendment of SCR 40.04 and 40.14 Relating to the Wisconsin Bar Examination

Dear Director Rothstein,

We are assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of Rule Petition 25-04, filed on December 17, 2025. The court discussed this petition at a closed administrative conference on January 7, 2026, and voted to solicit public comment and schedule a public hearing at a future date. Additionally, the court requested that the Board of Bar Examiners (BBE) provide answers to the following questions in writing:

1. Has the BBE received information from CCAP as to how much time it requires to develop and implement programming changes associated with adoption of the rule petition and whether it can do so in time for the UBE to be administered this July?
2. How does the BBE propose to provide applicants notice of the rule amendments and associated changes to the bar exam for this July if the court grants the petition?
3. When does the BBE anticipate that course content will be available from the State Bar (or other providers) that will satisfy the proposed Wisconsin law and practice educational component?
4. Should proposed Supreme Court Rule 40.04(10) contain a time limit for completion of the Wisconsin law and practice educational component?

Please file your response by February 12, 2026, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. Additionally, please e-mail a Microsoft Word version of your response to clerk@wicourts.gov.

Court communications on the petition and any written comments filed with the clerk's office are posted on the court's website, at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/2504.htm>.

If you have specific questions regarding this matter, you may contact us by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, by telephone at 608-261-6642, or by e-mail at tim.barber@wicourts.gov and Briget.Schoenborn@wicourts.gov.

Yours very truly,

/s/

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