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Via E-mail Distribution

To: Joseph D. Kearney, Dean, Marquette University Law School
Daniel Tokaji, Dean, University of Wisconsin Law School

Re: Rule Petition 25-04, *In re Amendment of SCR 40.04 and 40.14 Relating to the Wisconsin Bar Exam*

Dear Dean Kearney and Dean Tokaji:

We are assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of Rule Petition 25-04, filed by Board of Bar Examiners Director Jacquelynn Rothstein, relating to the content, fees, and administration of the Wisconsin Bar Examination. After a public hearing on March 12, 2026, the court discussed this petition at open rules conference and voted on several amendments to the proposed rule changes.

One of the amendments reduces the number of Wisconsin law and practice educational credit hours an applicant must successfully complete before admission to the bar. The court is considering reducing the number of credit hours required, from 30 hours to 21. The court requested that we solicit a response from each of you inquiring whether you have any concerns with this revision to the rule petition in light of the diploma privilege. Given the court's timeframe, it kindly requests a response within the next 10 days.

Please file your response with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, clerk@wicourts.gov. If you have specific questions regarding this request, please contact us at (608) 266-7442, or by e-mail at tim.barber@wicourts.gov and bridget.schoenborn@wicourts.gov.

Yours very truly,

/s/

Bridget Schoenborn and Timothy M. Barber
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