
**In re: Petition for Amendments to
Campaign-Related Recusal
Rules SCR 60.04 (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8)**

**PETITIONERS' RESPONSE TO
COURT COMMISSIONERS'
MARCH 27, 2026 QUESTIONS**

Petitioners appreciate the opportunity to respond to the two questions posed by Supreme Court Commissioners Bridget Schoenborn and Timothy M. Barber in their March 27, 2026 letter:

Question 1. Have the petitioners considered how the proposed amendments to SCR 60.04(4), (6), (7), and (8) will impact the Comments to those sections, and do any of the Comments to those sections need to be moved, amended, or repealed?

Answer: Yes, petitioners have generally considered the impact of our proposed amendments to the existing rule Comments. The rules petitioners propose, if adopted, replace current SCR 60.04(4) entirely and presumably all comments thereto. That said, until we see what the Supreme Court orders on our proposed amendments to SCR 60.04 (4), (6), (7), and (8), it would be premature, even presumptuous for us to address what Comments, if any, would be necessary, helpful, or even appropriate for the newly adopted rules.

Question 2. Have the petitioners considered whether the proposed amendments to SCR 60.04(4)-(6) will impact WIS. STAT. § 757.19?

Answer: Yes. Petitioners see nothing inconsistent between what we propose and the statute. Regardless, as always, any judge considering recusal must consider both statutory and Supreme Court rule requirements in making his or her decision.

Respectfully submitted this 21 day of April, 2026.



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