

SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

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No. 19-18

**In the Matter of the Petition to Amend
Supreme Court Rule 10.05(4)(m)1. (LRIS)**

FILED

DEC 10, 2019

Sheila T. Reiff
Clerk of Supreme Court
Madison, WI

On June 25, 2019, the State Bar of Wisconsin, by then President Christopher Earl Rogers, filed a rule petition asking the court to amend Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 10.05(4)(m)1. The proposed amendment would add the State Bar's lawyer referral assistance program (known as LRIS) to the list of assistance programs that are currently specified in the rule.

This court discussed this petition at a closed administrative rules conference on September 12, 2019 and voted to solicit written comments. On September 26, 2019, a letter was sent to interested persons seeking input. No comments were received.

On December 9, 2019 the court discussed the petition and voted to approve the petition. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that effective the date of this order:

Supreme Court Rule 10.05(4)(m)1. is amended to read:

(m)1. Establishment. The board of governors may provide assistance programs, including, but not limited to assistance ~~in~~ for lawyers with questions regarding law office management; ~~and~~ assistance ~~to~~ for judges, lawyers, law students, and their families in coping with alcoholism and other addictions, mental illness, physical disability, and other problems related to or affecting the practice of law; and assistance for both lawyers and the public regarding lawyer referrals. The board may establish committees, hire staff, and obtain volunteers as reasonably necessary to provide assistance. The board shall establish policies consistent with the purposes of the state bar and in furtherance of the public interest in the competence and integrity of the legal profession.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the above amendments be given by a single publication of a copy of this order in the official publications designated in SCR 80.01, including the official publishers' online databases, and on the Wisconsin court system's web site. The State Bar of Wisconsin shall provide notice of this order.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 10th day of December, 2019.

BY THE COURT:

Sheila T. Reiff
Clerk of Supreme Court

