

**SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN**

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No. 18-06

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**In the matter of the Petition to Amend Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 60.05(8)(b) and SCR 60.07(2)**

**FILED****FEB 25, 2019**

Sheila T. Reiff  
Clerk of Supreme Court  
Madison, WI

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On November 9, 2018, Diane M. Fremgen, Deputy Director of Court Operations, filed a rule petition asking the court to amend Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 60.05(8)(b) and SCR 60.07(2) to modify the requirements for certain court staff to file an annual Statement of Economic Interests (SEI), to better coordinate with the Wisconsin Ethics Commission's administration of these statements. The petition requests the amendment of two rules in SCR ch. 60, which the court has authority to amend. Judges and candidates for judicial office must file an annual statement of economic interest. See SCR 60.07(1). This petition would not alter that requirement.

The court discussed the petition at closed administrative rules conferences on January 17, 2019 and February 19, 2019. The court determined that the duties of circuit court commissioners appointed under SCR 75.02 and supplemental court commissioners authorized under SCR 75.02(3) are sufficiently similar to judicial duties that these

individuals should be required to file an SEI. Accordingly, the court denies the part of the petition that would eliminate their SEI filing requirement. We grant the part of the petition that proposes we amend SCR 60.05(8)(b) to eliminate the SEI filing requirement for certain court staff who do not exercise a judicial decision making function. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that, effective the date of this order:

Supreme Court Rule 60.05(8)(b) is amended to read as follows:

**SCR 60.05 (8) (b)** Financial reports. Except as provided in SCR 60.07, a judge shall file with the ethics ~~board~~ commission a timely financial report as required by section 19.43 of the statutes. ~~The report shall also be filed by commissioners of the supreme court, staff attorneys of the court of appeals, and the director of state courts.~~

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the request to amend SCR 60.07(2) and the related Comment to SCR 60.05(8) is denied.

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 25th day of February, 2019.

BY THE COURT:

Sheila T. Reiff  
Clerk of Supreme Court

