

SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

No. 19-09

**In the Matter of Creating Supreme Court Rule
22.185 and Amending Supreme Court Rules
22.24(1) and 22.38, Relating to the Charging
Process in Attorney Disciplinary Proceedings
(Enforcement of Orders)**

FILED

DEC 18, 2019

Sheila T. Reiff
Clerk of Supreme Court
Madison, WI

On March 13, 2019, the Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) Procedure Review Committee ("Committee"), by its Chair, the Honorable Gerald P. Ptacek, and by Attorney Paul Schwarzenbart, Chair of the Subcommittee on Charging Process, filed a rule petition asking the court to create a new rule, Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 22.185, to provide a mechanism for the enforcement of disciplinary orders.

The court discussed the petition at a closed administrative rules conference on June 6, 2019, and voted to seek written comments and conduct a public hearing. A letter soliciting comment was sent to interested persons on August 22, 2019. The court received one written response from Attorney Dean R. Dietrich, on behalf of the State Bar of Wisconsin Board of Governors, supporting the petition.

The court conducted a public hearing on October 29, 2019. The Honorable Gerald P. Ptacek, Chair of the Committee, and Attorney Paul Schwarzenbart, Chair of the Subcommittee on Charging Process, presented the petition to the court. Attorney Dean R. Dietrich spoke in support of the petition on behalf of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

At an ensuing closed administrative rules conference, the court voted to grant the petition. Mindful that several other rule petitions proposing amendments to the OLR rules are pending, the court will hold issuance of a final order delineating the specific rule changes in abeyance pending its consideration of the other pending OLR Procedure Review Committee's rule petitions. At that time, the court will issue a final order reflecting all the changes. In the interim, a marked version of SCRs chs. 10, 21, 22, and 31, reflecting the rule changes approved to date is available on the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that effective July 1, 2020, rule petition 19-09, In the Matter of Creating Supreme Court Rule 22.185 and Amending Supreme Court Rules 22.24(1) and 22.38, Relating to the Charging Process in Attorney Disciplinary Proceedings (Enforcement of Orders) is granted, subject to issuance of a further order by this court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the court's final order setting forth changes to SCRs chs. 10, 20, 21, 22, and 31 is held in abeyance pending the court's resolution of the remaining Office of Lawyer Regulation Procedure Review Committee petitions.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 18th day of December, 2019.

BY THE COURT:

Sheila T. Reiff
Clerk of Supreme Court

