

SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

No. 19-05A

**In re Petition of the OLR Process Review
Committee for an order repealing and recreating
SCR 22.12 and SCR 22.17, amending SCR 21.09(1),
SCR 21.16(2)(c), SCR 22.21(4), SCR 22.22(2)(b),
(3)(intro) and (b), and (6), SCR 22.24(1),
(1m)(intro), (2), and (3), creating SCR
21.08(1)(b), 21.09(1m), 22.16(6)(b) and (7)(b),
22.22(2m) and (4m), and 22.23(1m), renumbering
and amending SCR 21.08(1), and 22.16(6) and (7)
(Referee Authority)**

FILED

Nov 9, 2022

Sheila T. Reiff
Clerk of Supreme Court
Madison, WI

On March 13, 2019, the Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) Procedure Review Committee ("Committee") filed a rule petition asking the court to modify the Supreme Court Rules to afford referees more authority to rule on certain attorney disciplinary matters. The petition was filed on behalf of the Committee by its Chair, the Honorable Gerald P. Ptacek.

The court discussed the petition at a closed administrative rules conference on March 21, 2019, and voted to seek written comments and conduct a public hearing.

The court conducted a public hearing on June 6, 2019. The Honorable Gerald P. Ptacek, Chair of the Committee, presented the petition to the court. At an ensuing closed administrative rules conference, the court voted to hold this petition in abeyance,¹ pending the implementation of the referee training established by S. Ct. Order

¹ See S. Ct. Order 19-05 (issued June 26, 2019).

19-04,² and consideration of the other pending OLR Committee petitions. The first referee training session was held in July 2020. The court postponed taking further action on the petition because the new panel of referees had limited opportunity to gain experience during the COVID-19 pandemic.

After further discussion at a closed administrative rules conference on November 7, 2022, the court voted to deny the petition. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that rule petition 19-05, In re Petition of the OLR Process Review Committee for an order repealing and recreating SCR 22.12 and SCR 22.17, amending SCR 21.09(1), SCR 21.16(2)(c), SCR 22.21(4), SCR 22.22(2)(b), (3)(intro) and (b), and (6), SCR 22.24(1), (1m)(intro), (2), and (3), creating SCR 21.08(1)(b), 21.09(1m), 22.16(6)(b) and (7)(b), 22.22(2m) and (4m), and 22.23(1m), renumbering and amending SCR 21.08(1), and 22.16(6) and (7), is denied.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 9th day of November, 2022.

BY THE COURT:

Sheila T. Reiff
Clerk of Supreme Court

² See S. Ct. Order 19-04, 2019 WI 77 (issued June 26, 2019, eff. Jan. 1, 2020).

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