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*To: Interested Parties – See Attached List*

Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition 11-06, Petition to amend SCR 31.05 concerning teaching as means to satisfy the requirements of SCR 31.02

Greetings,

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 11-06 filed by Attorney Richard J. Opie, et al. The petition asks the court to amend SCR 31.05 (“Approved Hours”) to allow teaching “a legal specialty course in a paralegal program approved by the American Bar Association” to satisfy the requirements of SCR 31.02. You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization has been identified as potentially having an interest in this matter. A copy of the petition can be found at the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

On September 15, 2011, the court made a preliminary determination in open administrative conference that no public hearing was needed for this petition. The court has tentatively scheduled this rule petition for an administrative conference on November 7, 2011, at 9:45 a.m. to discuss this matter. The court may take any action it deems appropriate, including any of the following:

- (a) Adopt the rule proposed, or a modified version, without further comment.
- (b) Reject the rule proposed without further comment.
- (c) Circulate the rule petition for comment without a public hearing.
- (d) Schedule the rule petition for public hearing.
- (e) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.
- (f) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed in writing by October 18, 2011, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, e-mail a Microsoft Word version of your response to [carrie.janto@wicourts.gov](mailto:carrie.janto@wicourts.gov) or [clerk@wicourts.gov](mailto:clerk@wicourts.gov). See comment guidelines at the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>. The petitioner shall file any response to the comments on or before October 28, 2011.

You might wish to consult the Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/supreme.htm> to follow this rule petition. Court communications on the petition and any comments that are filed are posted.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact Susan Gray, c/o Office of the Director of State Courts, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688 (telephone: 608-266-6708) (email: susan.gray@wicourts.gov).

Very truly yours,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich  
Supreme Court Commissioner

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cc: Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson  
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Justice N. Patrick Crooks  
Justice David T. Prosser, Jr.  
Justice Patience Drake Roggensack  
Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler  
Justice Michael J. Gableman  
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Attorney Mark Barker  
Attorney Joseph DeCecco  
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Attorney Michael Sujecki  
Attorney Thomas Van Horn

**List of Interested Parties for Supreme Court Rules Matters**

Board of Bar Examiners  
Chief Circuit Court Judges  
Circuit Court Judges  
Court of Appeals Judges  
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney  
Director of State Courts  
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: John F. Ebbott  
League of Women Voters  
Marquette Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney  
Office of Lawyer Regulation  
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Kelli S. Thompson  
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: J.B. Van Hollen  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: James Brennan  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: George Brown  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Adam Korbitz  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Margaret Porco  
U.W. Law School, Attention: Kenneth B. Davis, Jr.  
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director  
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Andrew Clarkowski  
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Yer L. Vang  
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Jane E. Garrott, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attn: Steven DeVougas  
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever  
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Cedric Cornwall  
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Attorney John Knight  
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Lonnie Wolf  
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf  
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki and Andrew C. Cook  
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Diane Schlipper  
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: Commr. Leo Grill  
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: David A. Westrup, Treasurer  
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Rosemary Elbert  
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: James Alexander  
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: April Southwick  
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Vicki Gilbertson  
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable JoAnn Eiring  
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association, Attention: Kay Stelzner  
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: Quinn Williams/Nancy Wettersten  
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuench  
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Leland Wigg-Ninham, President

**List of Additional Interested Parties – if any**

Wisconsin Association for Legal Professionals  
Paralegal Association of Wisconsin  
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