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Commissioner Julie Anne Rich Office of Court Commissioners 110 E. Main Street Suite 440 Madison, WI 53703

Dear Commissioner Rich:

The Board of Bar Examiners (Board) has been advised that rule petition 16-09 filed on November 25, 2016, by the Stockbridge-Munsee Community seeks to allow any legal services provided by a federally recognized Indian tribe to be "counted" for purposes of SCR 40.05 (1) (b) as long as the applicant provides proof of bar admission from the state in which that tribe is located. Additionally, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community has since filed an additional submission clarifying its position with regard to this proposal.

This is a complicated matter which the Board has not yet had an opportunity to consider. The Board next meets on April 21, 2017. This item will be placed on the Board's April agenda for discussion and action after which a written response will be submitted to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I do not believe that the Board would oppose a public hearing regarding this rule petition.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Jacquelynn B. Rothstein Director