

SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSINNo. 04-07

**In the matter of the Petition for Amendment to
Supreme Court Chapter 20 - Rules of
Professional Conduct for Attorneys****FILED****MAR 21, 2006**Cornelia G. Clark
Clerk of Supreme Court
Madison, WI

The Wisconsin Supreme Court is considering a petition to amend Supreme Court Rules Chapter 20, the Rules of Professional Conduct for Attorneys. The petition was filed on July 29, 2004, by the Wisconsin Ethics 2000 Committee. The Court conducted a public hearing on February 17, 2005, in which numerous persons participated. At the ensuing open administrative conference the Court acknowledged the importance of the Ethics 2000 Committee's report and the far-reaching implications of its proposal. The Court resolved to consider various aspects of the petition at a series of future open administrative conferences, which were conducted on November 30, 2005, December 15, 2005, January 19, 2006, January 25, 2006, February 28, 2006, March 7, 2006, and March 15, 2006. At its open administrative conference on March 15, 2006, the Court adopted the following schedule for finalizing this matter.

The Court will review the revisions to SCR Chapter 20, as discussed and tentatively agreed to by the Court, and will prepare drafts of any dissents, concurrences or other written statements or comments by May 15, 2006. The Court anticipates this draft will be available on the Wisconsin Supreme Court website and the State Bar of Wisconsin website by June 1, 2006.

The Court invites the members of the Ethics 2000 Committee, the State Bar of Wisconsin, the Office of Lawyer Regulation, and other interested persons, to review its proposed revisions and comments to SCR Chapter 20. Interested persons may submit written corrections or comments to the Court on or before August 1, 2006.

The Court will convene an open administrative conference in September 2006 to discuss any final issues relating to the proposed draft and to determine the appropriate effective date for the amendments. The Court anticipates that a final order amending SCR Chapter 20 will be issued in October 2006. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that interested persons may file with the court written corrections or comments regarding the proposed draft amending SCR Chapter 20 no later than August 1, 2006.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 21st day of March, 2006.

BY THE COURT:

Cornelia G. Clark
Clerk of Supreme Court