



# Circuit Court, Branch I

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Subject: Supreme Court Rule Petition 13-01

Dear Clerk:

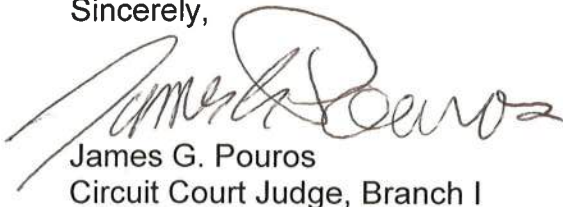
This is a comment on the Petition to Amend SCR 31.05(6).

I write in favor of the Petition. Before I took the bench, I served as an attorney on the first Special Preliminary Review Panel when the rules were changed. I believe I was on for 7 years and was the Chair for some of that time.

The lawyers on the panel are in the role of teachers, not only in explaining the ethics rules of law, but also in describing the real world of the practice of law and the business of the practice. When I was on the SPRP I had practiced for about 35 years and had broad experience. The committee could not have functioned without the input of the lawyers on it ---- very much in a teaching role. It was necessary to spend many hours reviewing stacks of documents before each long meeting.

SCR 31.05(6) should be amended as per the Petition.

Sincerely,



James G. Poulos  
Circuit Court Judge, Branch I

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