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Ms. Carrie Janto  
Supreme Court of Wisconsin  
P.O. Box 1688  
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Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition No. 13-08, Petition to Amend SCRs 10.05(4)(a)5 and 10.05(4)(g), Board of Governors, Functions; 10.06(2) Executive Committee, Powers; 10.09(2) Disbursements; 10.12 Official Publication, Notice to Members; and 10.13(2) Amendment, Amendment of Bylaws

Dear Ms. Janto:

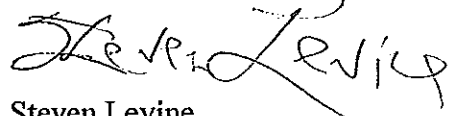
With respect to the State Bar's petition regarding changes in the publication of bylaw amendments, Supreme Court rule changes, and related petitions and orders: These items are currently published in the *Wisconsin Lawyer* magazine and receive maximum exposure as Bar members read through the pages of the magazine.

The State Bar's experience with communicating with members is that written communications are more likely to be noticed, taken seriously, read, and responded to than are electronic communications. Placing a communication or information on a web site is one step removed from e-mail, with the probability of even less notice. The bottom line is that removing official notices from the *Wisconsin Lawyer* magazine is likely to result in a less informed membership and general public with respect to the important communications and information involved in this proceeding.

The State Bar's petition therefore presents the Court with the dilemma of how to balance the Bar's attempt to save money with informing Wisconsin lawyers and the public about these important subjects. If the Court does decide to allow the Bar to stop publishing them in the *Wisconsin Lawyer*, I recommend that the Bar be required to both publish these items in a specific spot on its web site and to email them to all Bar members and also to members of the public (such as news organizations) who request such notification. I believe the State Bar possesses the IT capacity to do this.

The State Bar's goal to save money is understandable. Yet, notice of the items involved in this proceeding – Supreme Court orders, rule and bylaw changes, and rulemaking hearings – is so important that providing effective notice to members of the Bar and the public should be the most important consideration. Saving money should come second.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Levine