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**To: Interested Persons – See Attached List**

Re: Rule Petition 21-01, In the Matter of the Amendment of Supreme Court Rules 20:1.0 and 20:1.10

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 21-01, filed on May 25, 2021 by Ben Kempinen, Chair of the State Bar of Wisconsin Standing Committee on Professional Ethics and Kelli Sue Thompson, Wisconsin State Public Defender. This rule petition asks the court to amend the Supreme Court Rules (SCR) to clarify that conflict of interests involving public defenders should be controlled by SCR 20:1.10 rather than SCR 20:1.11.

You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization potentially have an interest in this matter. A copy of the petition can be found on the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/index.htm>.

The court voted to obtain written comments and schedule a public hearing. The public hearing on this petition will be conducted on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. Please note, the court may take any action on a rule petition 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) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.
- (d) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by Tuesday, August 10, 2021 with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, email a Microsoft Word version of your response to [clerk@wicourts.gov](mailto:clerk@wicourts.gov). See comment guidelines at the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/process.htm>. The petitioner may file a response to the comments by Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

The court intends to resume in-person public rule hearings in the Supreme Court Hearing Room. If you wish to appear in person at the public hearing, please notify the Deputy Clerk for Rules by Friday, September 17, 2021 at [clerk@wicourts.gov](mailto:clerk@wicourts.gov).

You might wish to consult the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/srules/pending/index.htm> to follow this rule petition. Court communications on the petition and any written comments filed with the clerk's office will be posted on the website.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact me by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, by telephone at 608-261-6642, or by email at [julie.rich@wicourts.gov](mailto:julie.rich@wicourts.gov).

Very truly yours,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich

Supreme Court Commissioner

cc: Chief Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler  
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley  
Justice Patience Drake Roggensack  
Justice Rebecca Grassl Bradley  
Justice Rebecca Frank Dallet  
Justice Brian Hagedorn  
Justice Jill J. Karofsky  
Ben Kempinen, Chair, State Bar of Wisconsin  
Standing Committee on Professional Ethics  
Kelli Sue Thompson, Wisconsin State Public Defender

**List of Interested Persons for Supreme Court Rules**

Badger State Sheriffs Association, Attention: Executive Director  
Board of Administrative Oversight, Attention: Joseph M. Russell, Chair  
Board of Bar Examiners  
Chief Circuit Court Judges  
Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney  
Circuit Court Judges  
Clerk of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Sheila T. Reiff  
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney  
Court of Appeals Judges  
Court Operations: Diane M. Fremgen, Deputy Director for Court Operations  
Court Operations: Ann Olson, Krista Miller, Amber Peterson, Elizabeth Barroilhet  
Dean Dietrich, Attorney  
Department of Administration, State Prosecutors Office, Attention: Kasey Diess, Director  
Director of State Courts, Honorable Randy Koschnick  
District Court Administrators  
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director  
Hamilton Consulting Group, Attention: Andrew C. Cook, Rebecca Hogan, R.J. Pirlot,  
Adam Jordahl  
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: Deedee Peterson, Executive Director  
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Attention: Colleen Foley, Executive Director  
Marquette University Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney, Dean  
Office of Lawyer Regulation, Attention: Keith Sellen, Director  
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Kelli S. Thompson  
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Jeremy C. Perri  
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: Terri Surita  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Larry Martin, Executive Director  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys, Public Affairs Director  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Cheryl Furstace Daniels, President  
University of Wisconsin Law School, Attention: Daniel Tokaji, Dean  
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Ann Peacock  
Wisconsin Asian American Bar Association, Attention: Bryant Park  
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Bryan Roessler, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers  
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever  
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Susan Schaubel  
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: John Knight  
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Kris Cleven, Vice President-Legal  
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Regina Kolbow, Carlo Esqueda  
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Marcie Rainbolt  
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jenni Kilpatrick, Executive Director;  
Andrew Hebl, President  
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Greta Mattison, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: David Pruhs, Exec. Secretary  
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Pamela M. Ritger  
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Beth Ann Richlen, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke  
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: William C. Gleisner, III, Chair  
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Samuel Christensen  
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Robert Kupfer  
Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Attention: Beth Bennett, Executive Director

Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association

Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association, Attention: Sandy Schueller

Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: John Gelhard

Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gregory Gill, Jr.

Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gwendolyn Topping, President