

# SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

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No. 21-08

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**In the matter of Amending Supreme Court Rule 31.01 (11) pertaining to continuing legal education and pro bono legal services**

**FILED**

**APR 20, 2022**

Sheila T. Reiff  
Clerk of Supreme Court  
Madison, WI

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On December 29, 2021, the Honorable Robert J. Collins, II, Oneida Judiciary, filed a rule petition asking the court to amend Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 31.01 (11) to allow tribal courts to appoint attorneys to provide pro bono legal services, and to permit the attorney to claim continuing legal education credits in lieu of monetary payments.

The petitioner has consulted with: the Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association; Chief Judge Jo Deen B. Lowe, Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary; Chief Judge Elaine H. Smith, Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Court; Chief Judge Garold Smith, Lac du Flambeau Tribal Court; Chief Judge Layatalati Hill, Oneida Judiciary; Attorney James R. Bittorf, Oneida Law Office; and Jacquelynn B. Rothstein, Executive Director and General Counsel, Board of Bar Examiners.

The court considered the matter, concluded that no public hearing was needed, and agrees that the proposed amendment would improve the administration of justice and improve access to justice in Wisconsin's

tribal communities and voted to grant the petition as requested.  
Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that effective the date of this order, Supreme Court Rule 31.01 (11) is amended to read:

(11) "Pro Bono legal services" means direct legal services provided without fee or expectation of fee to persons of limited means through a qualified pro bono program or pursuant to an appointment by a state, ~~or~~ federal, or tribal court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the above amendments be given by a single publication of a copy of this order in the official publications designated in SCR 80.01, including the official publishers' online databases, and on the Wisconsin court system's web site. The State Bar of Wisconsin shall provide notice of this order.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 20th day of April, 2022.

BY THE COURT:

Sheila T. Reiff  
Clerk of Supreme Court

