SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

No. 05-01

In the matter of review of amendments to Supreme Court Rule 22.24 relating to Cost Assessments in the Lawyer Regulation System.

FILED

AUG 3, 2010

A. John Voelker Acting Clerk of Supreme Court Madison, WI

On January 18, 2005, Keith Sellen, Director of the Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR), filed a petition to amend Supreme Court Rule 22.001(3) relating to cost assessments in the lawyer regulation system. The State Bar of Wisconsin's Board of Governors (Board) proposed an alternate approach. The court took the matter under advisement pending the receipt of further information, including the results of a Bench and Bar Survey conducted by the State Bar of Wisconsin, which included questions regarding the allocation of fees and costs in lawyer disciplinary proceedings.

At its open administrative conference on March 7, 2006, the majority of the court voted to amend the rules relating to the assessment of costs in lawyer disciplinary proceedings. The effective date of these amendments was July 1, 2006. A copy of the court's order dated May 1, 2006, is available on the Website of the Wisconsin Supreme Court under Rules. The order provided that the amendments would expire on December 31, 2008, unless the court took further action.

The court reviewed this matter at its open administrative conference on October 28, 2008, and concluded it was appropriate for the amendments to continue in effect until further order of this court. The court issued an order (No. 05-01A) dated December 1, 2008, to this effect and also ordered that a public hearing on the amendments to SCR 22.24 made pursuant to the May 1, 2006, order would be scheduled prior to December 31, 2010. A copy of the court's December 1, 2008, order is also available on the Website of the Wisconsin Supreme Court under Rules. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that a public hearing on the amendments to SCR 22.24 shall be held in the Supreme Court Room in the State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin, on Monday, October 4, 2010, at 9:45 a.m.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the court's conference in the matter shall be held promptly following the public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the hearing be given by a single publication of a copy of this order in the official state newspaper and in an official publication of the State Bar of Wisconsin not more than 60 days nor less than 30 days before the date of the hearing.¹

 $[\]frac{1}{2}$ Notice of the hearing will appear in the September 2010 $\frac{1}{2}$ Wisconsin Lawyer, the official publication of the State Bar of Wisconsin, approximately 19 days prior to the hearing rather than the required minimum of 30 days. Pursuant to its rule-making authority under Wis. Stat. § 751.12 and its Internal Operating Procedures, the court exercises its discretion to allow this unavoidable deviation from the requirements.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 3rd day of August, 2010.

BY THE COURT:

A. John Voelker Acting Clerk of Supreme Court