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Your Honors:

I am an attorney practicing in rural Richland Center, Wisconsin. I am sending this letter in order to voice my opinion concerning the Trust Account Rule Changes (Changes) adopted in the 2007 Order 06-04.

As a solo practitioner in a small community, the Changes are very important to me. I use the alternate method allowing me to deposit client funds directly into my Business Account. Without this option, I question whether remaining in a small community will continue to be economically feasible in the future. My wife and I routinely review our economic situation and, while we enjoy living in a small community, we believe that moving to a larger metropolitan area would significantly increase my earning potential. As it is, clients routinely tell me they already have difficulty finding representation in small communities.

Opening my solo law practice in a small community directly after being admitted to the Wisconsin Bar was financially challenging — to say the least. The ability to directly deposit client funds into my Business Account has greatly assisted me in being able to remain financially viable. Often, clients in Richland County simply do not have thousands of dollars to deposit into my Trust Account up front. Many, it seems, end up paying as they go — or on some sort of payment-plan afterwards. I suspect the Changes may not be as important in larger firms in larger communities.

Moreover, I run my own office. Given the economic realities of practicing in Richland Center, I simply cannot afford office help. As a result, the Changes allow me to avoid spending valuable time writing checks from my Trust Account to my Business Account. I already spend considerable non-billable time administering my office.

Hence, I humbly request that the Changes remain in place. If anything, the Court could make life even easier by not requiring me to participate in binding arbitration. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Warmest regards,

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