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Please find attached a letter issued relating to the supreme court's order issued May 27, 2010 and the comment received.

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August 31, 2010

Re: Rule order 06-04A, Trust Account (SCR 20:1.15)

Dear Interested Parties:

Enclosed is the Wisconsin Association of Legal Administrators' (WALA) comment to the trust account rule amendments adopted by the supreme court on May 27, 2010, in rule order 06-04A. This is the only comment submitted in response to the court's order requesting comments. Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson requested that a copy of WALA's comment be forwarded to all participants in the court's open administrative conference held on May 10, 2010.

The trust account rule amendments adopted in rule order 06-04A are scheduled to become effective on January 1, 2011, but are subject to revision if the court receives comments and further proposed changes prior to the effective date.

In rule order 06-04A, the supreme court created a new section under the credit card trust account rule. SCR 20:1.15(e)(4)h.3.a. and b. state that "All advanced costs and advanced fees held in trust shall be transferred by check to the IOLTA account" and "Earned fees, cost reimbursements, and advanced fees shall be transferred by check to the business account."

WALA suggests that the trust account rule should be further amended to allow wire transfers to and from a credit card trust account. The comment submitted by WALA is not in petition form, and it has been suggested to WALA that if it (or any one else) wishes to propose this (or any other) change, it should be submitted in petition form.

Any petition to further amend or change the rules adopted in order 06-04A must be filed no later than October 1, 2010, to allow the court to provide adequate notice, hold a hearing and consider any proposed changes.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

/s/

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cc: Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson Justice Ann Walsh Bradley Justice N. Patrick Crooks Justice David T. Prosser, Jr. Justice Patience Drake Roggensack Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler Justice Michael J. Gableman Tracey L. Reams, President, Wisconsin Association of Legal Administrators