

## STATE OF WISCONSIN CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

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October 7, 2024

WI Supreme Court Clerk of Supreme Court Attention: Deputy Clerk – Rules PO Box 1688 Madison, Wisconsin 53701 – 1688

> RE: Petition to the Wisconsin Supreme Court to modify SCR 31.02, CLE credit for cultural competency and reduction of bias

Dear Deputy Clerk – Rules:

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) is a collaborative group that works to address various issues pertaining to the criminal justice system. The statewide CJCC was established by Governor Scott Walker through an executive order in 2012, and Governor Evers issued an executive order regarding the CJCC most recently on December 21, 2023, with <u>Executive Order #218</u>. That executive order specifically tasks CJCC with, among other responsibilities, "consider[ing] data, evidence-based practices, and the goal of reducing and ultimately eliminating racial disparities when offering policy recommendations."

The CJCC met on September 27, 2024, and passed a motion to authorize CJCC Co-Chairs to communicate on behalf of the CJCC support for the State Bar of Wisconsin's petition (Rule Petition 24-04) to recognize continuing legal education (CLE) credit education courses regarding cultural competency and the reduction of bias to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The motion passed on a voice vote, with one abstention. In addition, the CJCC's Race Equity, Inclusion and Access Subcommittee met on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, and also passed a motion to support the petition.

If you have any questions, please contact Lara Kenny, Wisconsin Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Programs Director, at <u>kennylc@doj.state.wi.us</u> or (608) 640-7635.

Sincerely,

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