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State ex rel. ANNETTE K ZIEGLER,
Circuit Court Judge for Washington County,

Petitioner,

v.

Case No. 2007 AP 947-OA

STATE OF WISCONSIN ETHICS BOARD,

Respondent.

RESPONSE OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN ETHICS BOARD TO THE
PETITION TO TAKE JURISDICTION OF AN ORIGINAL ACTION
AND FOR A STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

**I. THE STATE OF WISCONSIN ETHICS BOARD DOES NOT OPPOSE THE
COURT ACCEPTING ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THIS CASE.**

The State of Wisconsin Ethics Board ("Ethics Board") does not object to the Wisconsin Supreme Court granting Judge Annette Ziegler's Petition for the Wisconsin Supreme Court to Take Jurisdiction of An Original Action ("Petition") with regard to the constitutionality of Wis. Stat. §19.46(1)(a).¹ This matter is *publici juris* because a circuit court judge and justice-elect of the Wisconsin Supreme Court has brought a sweeping challenge to the constitutionality of a portion of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Employees, Subchapter III of Chapter 19 of the Wisconsin Statutes, Wis. Stat. §19.41 *et seq.* (hereinafter referred to as the "Ethics Code"). Specifically, she attacks

¹This is issue number two under the "Statement of Issues" in the Petition. *Petition at 2; see also Petition at 5-6.*

