



## STATE OF WISCONSIN JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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February 22, 2012

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Clerk of the Supreme Court  
Attn: Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk  
110 East Main Street  
Suite 215  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Clerk of Court:

In response to the court's request for comment, dated February 8, 2012, the Wisconsin Judicial Council supports a modification of the present Supreme Court rule making structure, as outlined in the report and recommendations provided by the Wisconsin Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rule Procedures. In its report, the committee proposed a number of modifications to the current process that are likely to increase efficiencies, improve the quality of rule petitions, assist the court in its consideration of the petition, and provide more information to persons interested in rule petitions. The Council fully agrees that properly drafted rule petitions, an opportunity for persons to comment on petitions, and accessibility on the court's website of all information about a pending rule petition will further these important goals.

Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me if the Judicial Council can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

April M. Southwick, Attorney  
Wisconsin Judicial Council