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To: Interested Persons – See Attached List

Re: Rule Petition 18-02, Administration of Judicial Conduct Advisory Committee

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 18-02 filed March 21, 2018, by the Honorable D. Todd Ehlers, Door County Circuit Court, in his capacity as Chair of the Judicial Conduct Advisory Committee (JCAC). The petition proposes amendment of a court rule in order to facilitate the JCAC's performance of its duties under Supreme Court Rule Chapter 60, Appendix A.(2). Currently, the JCAC is administered under the direction of a chair appointed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The proposed amendment would create a vice chair position, also appointed by the court, who would assume the responsibilities of the chair in the event the chair is unavailable. This proposal is intended to ensure the JCAC is able to respond to time sensitive requests for formal advisory opinions and informal advice when the chair is temporarily unavailable. A copy of the petition can be found on the court's website at <https://wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

At the closed rules conference on April 12, 2018, the court conducted a preliminary discussion of this matter and voted to obtain written comments. The court will decide whether to conduct a public hearing on this petition after reviewing the written comments it receives. Please note, the court may take any action on a rule petition it deems appropriate, including any of the following:

- (a) Adopt the rule proposed, or a modified version, without further comment.
- (b) Reject the rule proposed without further comment.
- (c) Schedule the rule petition for public hearing.
- (d) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.
- (e) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by June 1, 2018, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, email a Microsoft Word version of your response to clerk@wicourts.gov. See comment guidelines at the court's website at <https://wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>. The petitioner may file any response to the comments by June 5, 2018.

You might wish to consult the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/supreme.htm> to follow this rule petition. Court communications on the petition and any written comments filed with the clerk's office will be posted on the website.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact me by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, by telephone at 608-261-6642, or by email at julie.rich@wicourts.gov.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich

Supreme Court Commissioner

cc: Chief Justice Patience Drake Roggensack
Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley
Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler
Justice Michael J. Gableman
Justice Rebecca Grassl Bradley
Justice Daniel Kelly
Judge D. Todd Ehlers, Chair, JCAC
Judge Randy K. Koschnick, Director of State Courts
Diane M. Fremgen, Deputy Director of Court Operations

List of Interested Persons for Supreme Court Rules Matters

Badger State Sheriffs Association, Attention: Executive Director
Board of Bar Examiners
Chief Circuit Court Judges
Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney
Circuit Court Judges
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney
Court of Appeals Judges
Deputy Directory of Court Operations, Diane Fremgen
Court Operations, Marcia Vandercook
Court Operations, Peggy Hurley
Court Operations, Ann Olson
Dean Dietrich, Attorney (Wausau)
Diane Fremgen, Acting Clerk of Supreme Court
Director of State Courts, Honorable Randy K. Koschnick
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director
Legal Action of Wisconsin
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Attention: Mike Gonring, Executive Director
Marquette University Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney
Office of Lawyer Regulation, Attention: Keith Sellen, Director
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Kelli S. Thompson
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Jeremy C. Perri
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: Brad D. Schimel
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Larry Martin, Executive Director
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys, Public Affairs Director
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Paul G. Swanson, President
Steven Levine, Attorney
University of Wisconsin Law School, Attention: Margaret Raymond
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Ann Peacock
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Robin Dalton
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Bryan Roessler, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attn: Steven DeVougas
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Susan Schaubel
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Attorney John Knight
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Rose Oswalk Poels, CEO
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Theresa Russell
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Marcie Rainbolt
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki, Executive Director
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Greta Mattison, Executive Director
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: David Pruhs, Exec. Secretary
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Cain W. Oulahan
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Kimberly Haas, Executive Director
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: Thomas W. Bertz
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Jody J. Bartels
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Jason Hanson
Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Attention: Beth Bennett, Executive Director
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association, Attention: Julie Kayartz
Wisconsin Sheriff & Deputy Sheriff Association, Attention: David Graves, Exec. Director
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: John Gelhard

Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuensch
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Eugene White-Fish, President