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To: Interested Persons – See Attached List

Re: Rule Petition 20-02, In the matter of an Interim Rule Re Suspension of Deadlines For Non-Criminal Jury Trials Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Public Hearing Notice

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of Rule Matter 20-02, In re the Matter of an Interim Rule for Suspension of Deadlines For Non-Criminal Jury Trials Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, adopted by the court on March 31, 2020 as a temporary emergency measure relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to be further considered by the court at a public hearing on May 1, 2020.

On March 24, 2020, Governor Evers signed a "Safer at Home" order requiring Wisconsin residents to stay at home unless they have "essential business" to attend to. The Supreme Court has determined that, in light of the existing public health emergency declared in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic, and to protect the health of the public and the individuals who work for the courts of this state, it is necessary to limit temporarily the number of individuals who are physically present within the courts of this state and to temporarily modify certain procedures to ensure that the essential operations of the courts continue in an appropriate manner during the present public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This rule matter pertains to an interim rule that temporarily suspends statutory deadlines for jury trials in non-criminal matters due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization potentially have an interest in this matter. A copy of the public hearing notice and the Interim Rule can be found on the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

The public hearing will be conducted on May 1, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. As the hearing notice order issued March 31, 2020 provides, the hearing will be conducted remotely. No in-person appearances are possible. The hearing will be made available to the public for viewing at www.wicourts.gov. Details on how to access the public hearing will be posted on the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/opinions.jsp>. The court will accept written questions submitted in advance of the hearing by the deadline identified below, and will endeavor to respond to those questions during the hearing.

Any comments or questions regarding the Interim Rule should be sent via email by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020 to the Clerk of Supreme Court, at clerk@wicourts.gov. The subject line of the email should read: "May 1 public hearing."

Each comment or question shall include the sender's first and last name and contact information. Court communications on the matter and any written comments and questions filed with the clerk's office will be posted on the court's public website. See comment guidelines at the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>

Please note, the court may take any action on this matter it deems appropriate, including any of the following:

- (a) Retain the Interim Rule, or a modified version.
- (b) Reject and repeal the Interim Rule.
- (c) Refer the matter to another entity for its review and recommendation.
- (e) Request further information or analysis from interested persons or entities.

You might wish to consult the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/supreme.htm> to follow this rule matter and for specific information to access the remote public hearing.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact me by telephone at (608) 266-7442 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 Ann Walsh Bradley
Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler
Justice Rebecca Grassl Bradley
Justice Daniel Kelly
Justice Rebecca Frank Dallet
Justice Brian K. Hagedorn

List of Interested Persons for Supreme Court Rules

Badger State Sheriffs Association, Attention: Executive Director
Board of Administrative Oversight, Attention: Joseph M. Russell, Chair
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 Director of Court Operations, Diane M. Fremgen
Court Operations, Ann Olson
Court Operations, Krista Miller
Clerk of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Sheila T. Reiff
Dean Dietrich, Attorney
Department of Administration, State Prosecutors Office, Attention: Kasey Deiss, Director
Director of State Courts, Honorable Randy Koschnick
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director
Hamilton Consulting Group, Attention: Andrew C. Cook, Paige Scobee,
Rebecca Hogan and R.J. Pirlot
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: David Pifer, Executive Director
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Attention: Colleen Foley, 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: Terri Surita
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Larry Martin, Executive Director
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys, Public Affairs Director
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Jill M. Kastner, President
University of Wisconsin Law School, Attention: Margaret Raymond
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Ann Peacock
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Rachel A. Retzke
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Bryan Roessler, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers
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: Kris Clevin, Vice President-Legal
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Penny Carter
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Marcie Rainbolt
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jenni Kilpatrick, 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: Cynthia Herber
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: Samuel Christensen
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Robert Kupfer
Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Attention: Beth Bennett, Executive Director
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association
Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association, Attention: Sandy Schueller
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: John Gelhard
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gregory Gill, Jr.
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gwendolyn Topping, President