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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
OF WISCONSIN

Re: Rule Petition 10-03

Dear Clerk:

As the Court was informed at the November 7, 2010 hearing on the above petition, the undersigned counsel (John Skilton) has served as a member of the Joint Legislative Council Special Committee on Criminal Justice Funding and Strategies as the representative of the State Bar of Wisconsin. At the November 7, 2010 hearing, Mr. Skilton commented on the fact that this Special Committee was charged to make recommendations concerning the funding of the criminal justice system and requested the Court to add its voice to this discussion.

By letter dated February 7, 2011 (attached hereto as Exhibit A) the new chair of that special committee informed members of the Special Committee the chair had decided not to report any recommendations of the Special Committee to the Joint Legislative Council.

In the view of undersigned counsel, this decision emphasizes the need for this Court, to state its position on the important issues of funding of the justice system which are the subject of the above petition. Respectfully, the petitioners request the Court to act promptly on the petition so that the legislature has the benefit of the Court's considered opinion on these issues.

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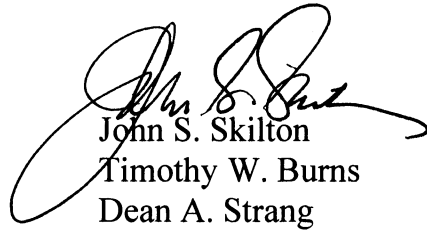
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Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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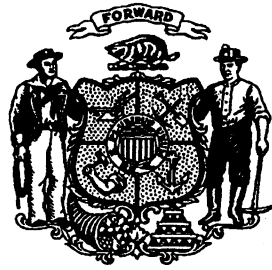
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cc: Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson
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February 7, 2011

Members of the Special Committee on
Criminal Justice Funding and Strategies

Dear Members,

I am writing to inform you that I have decided not to report any recommendations of the Special Committee on Criminal Justice Funding and Strategies to the Joint Legislative Council. Therefore, there will be no further meetings of the committee. I anticipate that the Joint Legislative Council will meet in early March, and I will report on the work of the committee to the council at that meeting.

Thank you for the time and expertise you devoted to the committee. I appreciate your commitment to the criminal justice system in Wisconsin, and I hope that the committee's work will be useful to the Legislature as it continues to address the challenges that Wisconsin's criminal justice system faces.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Brooks".

Representative Ed Brooks, Chair
Special Committee on Criminal
Justice Funding and Strategies

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