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Dear Friends:

I am writing in connection with the court's consideration of the civil "Gideon" petition and at the suggestion of several justices. For more information about this petition, #10-08, see our website at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/1008.htm>.

At the suggestion of some justices, I am writing to ask you about your programs that strive to inculcate a commitment in your students to provide pro bono services for indigents while the students are in law school and thereafter, the existing pro bono activities of law students and faculty, and your ideas and suggestions for exploring ways in which the law school, the Bar and the Court may expand the pro bono services of law students and faculty.

You may prefer to respond personally or delegate this matter to another, or you may prefer to meet with me or the court to discuss various ideas. I appreciate any assistance you can give the court and the people of this state in this endeavor.

My thanks for your consideration and best wishes for a happy holiday season and good new year.

Sincerely,



Shirley S. Abrahamson

cc: All justices
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Clerk of Supreme Court - Rules Petition 10-08 file