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Re: Rule Petition 10-08

Dear Sir or Madam:

I write to request that you correct my error in the "Cover Sheet, Executive Summary and Memorandum in Support of Rule Petition 10-08." On page 15 of the Memorandum Supporting Rule Petition 10-08 for Amendment of SCR 11.02, the subheading "Circuit Court Support" lists, as items supported by GPR funds:

- security
- rent
- utilities
- facilities maintenance
- facilities rehabilitation
- facilities construction

These items are not supported by GPR, and I should not have included them in this list. I request that you provide notice to the Justices that I wish them deleted. I enclose a copy of page 15 with the items deleted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

John F. Ebbott
Executive Director

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Enclosure



Circuit Court Support

juror fees
witness fees
judicial assistants
security
rent
utilities
facilities maintenance
facilities rehabilitation
facilities construction¹⁷

In the case of some court appointees, namely interpreters and guardians *ad litem*, the counties pay these appointees directly, and are then reimbursed by the state with GPR funds.¹⁸ County costs for court-appointed attorneys could be similarly reimbursed. At an annual cost of \$56,000,000, and assuming no offsetting state GPR reductions (that is, all new taxes), the increased tax to each Wisconsin resident would be \$9.85 ($\$56,000,000 \div 5,687,000$ Wisconsin residents).¹⁹ This amount is not excessive if it will ameliorate the unequal justice seen every day in our courts and relieve the courts of the crushing burden of *pro se* litigation.

¹⁷ *Id.* at 2-10. *See* Appendix pp. 42-50.

¹⁸ *Id.* at 8-9. *See* Appendix pp. 48-49.

¹⁹ U.S. Census, Resident Population Data. *See* Appendix p. 54.