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VIA E-MAIL

Clerk of the Supreme Court
Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules
P.O. Box 1688
Madison, WI 53701-1688

Dear Chief Justice Abrahamson and Honorable Justices:

**Re: Petition 13-10
Limited Scope Representation**

I write in support of Petition 13-10. Anything that enhances the ability of low-income people to access the justice system helps to close the justice gap. What this petition seeks will do that.

As an example of limited representation that works, I offer a program we at Quarles & Brady started a year ago in partnership with Sojourner Family Peace Center and the Marquette University Law School. In this "Lawyer for a Day" program, Quarles lawyers, with referrals from Sojourner and background work by Marquette law students, are able to provide limited representation to petitioners at domestic abuse injunction hearings in Milwaukee County. In a year, we have provided representation to almost 300 victims of domestic abuse who otherwise would be unrepresented; sometimes as many as 10 in a day.

We do all of this with a limited representation agreement that clearly spells out the terms of the representation. I am not enamored with the proposed statutory provisions that will require us to file a Notice of Limited Appearance and Termination of Limited Appearance, two forms which seem totally unnecessary and somewhat frivolous in the context of our program, or any Lawyer for a Day program, but I am confident that we will be able to arrange a waiver of those provisions.

In any event, that small inconvenience does not diminish my support for the petition.

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. Gonring

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