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RE: Rule Petition 16-05D, In re Creation of a Pilot Project for Dedicated Trial Court Judicial Dockets for Large Claim Business and Commercial Cases

Dear Deputy Clerk of Supreme Court:

My name is Matthew Roethe and I am a Wisconsin Licensed Attorney. I practice in Edgerton, Wisconsin. I am also the Stoughton Municipal Judge in Stoughton, Wisconsin. The majority of my work is in Rock County, although I have a significant practice in Dane County as well. Additionally, I make appearances in Jefferson, Walworth, and Green Counties.

I reviewed the Rule Petition 16-05D, In re Creation of a Pilot Project for Dedicated Trial Court Judicial Dockets for Large Claim Business and Commercial Cases. I am in opposition to the establishment of this separate business Courts in Dane County Circuit Court or in any other Circuit Court. These business courts permit an unequal treatment of litigants and affect the impartiality of the judges. I am particularly concerned that judges are to receive specific training from the Scalia Law School at George Mason University. I have read several articles regarding this training. This training appears biased and gives the judges an apparent conflict of interest.

If you have any questions, please email me at mtroethe@roethelaw.com or call me at 608-884-3391.

Respectfully submitted,

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