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Chief Justice Roggensack
16 Capitol View Terrace
Madison, WI 53702

Justices of the Supreme Court
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Re: Petition 17-06
In RE the Petition to Amend SCR 81.02

Dear Chief Justice Roggensack and Justices of the Supreme Court:

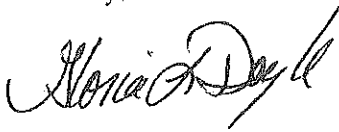
I am writing in support of the petition to increase the compensation for court-appointed lawyers. Specifically, I write in support of the request to raise the compensation for attorneys taking public defender appointments.

The current rate of \$40/hour has not changed since I began my legal career in 1988 at this rate. I stopped taking public defender cases in the 1990s because I was unable to cover overhead. Criminal defendants are guaranteed the right to counsel under the Sixth Amendment. This right is jeopardized by the extremely low compensation rate. It has become a lengthy process to secure private counsel for public defender cases, jeopardizing justice.

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For these reasons, I would ask the Supreme Court to amend SCR 81.02 to assure compensation to attorneys taking public defender appointments, set at a level that will attract competent counsel to represent indigent clients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gloria L. Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Hon. Gloria L. Doyle
Circuit Court Judge

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