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To: Interested Persons – See Attached List

Re: Rule Petition 21-05, In the Matter of the Proposed Amendment to Wis. Stat. § 804.03,
Relating to the Remote Administration of Oaths at Depositions.

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 21-05, filed on October 8, 2021, by James D. Rogers, Government Affairs Director, on behalf of the Wisconsin Association for Justice. This rule petition asks the court to allow for the amendment to remote administration of oaths at depositions.¹

You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization potentially have an interest in this matter. A copy of the petition can be found on the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/index.htm>.

The court voted to obtain written comments and schedule a public hearing. The public hearing on this petition will be conducted on Monday, April 11, 2022. Please note, the court may take any action on a rule petition it deems appropriate, including any of the following:

- (a) Adopt the rule proposed, or a modified version, without further comment.
- (b) Reject the rule proposed without further comment.
- (c) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.

¹ As a temporary measure the court has recently permitted remote administration of oaths at depositions and this temporary measure remains in effect until July 1, 2022. S. Ct. Interim Administrative Orders In re the Matter of the Remote Administration of Oaths at Depositions via Remote Audio-Visual Equipment during the Covid-19 Pandemic, issued March 25, 2020; In re the Matter of the Remote Administration of Oaths at Depositions via Remote Audio-Visual Equipment During the Covid-19 Pandemic, issued April 28, 2020; In re the Matter of the Extension of Orders Concerning Remote Administration of Oaths at Depositions, Remote Hearings in Appellate Courts, Filing of Documents in Appellate Courts, and Appellate Court Operations During the Covid-19 Pandemic, issued May 22, 2020; and In re the Matter of the Remote Administration of Oaths at Depositions via Remote Audio-Visual Equipment, issued June 18, 2021; and In re the Matter of the Remote Administration of Oaths at Depositions via Remote Audio-Visual Equipment, issued October 14, 2021.

- (d) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by February 25, 2022 with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, email a Microsoft Word version of your response to *clerk@wicourts.gov*. See comment guidelines at the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/process.htm>. The petitioner may file a response to the comments by March 11, 2022.

If you wish to appear in person at the public hearing, please notify the Deputy Clerk for Rules by March 25, 2022 at *clerk@wicourts.gov*.

You might wish to consult the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/index.htm> to follow this rule petition. Court communications on the petition and any written comments filed with the clerk's office will be posted on the website.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact me by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, by telephone at 608-261-6642, or by email at *julie.rich@wicourts.gov*.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich

Supreme Court Commissioner

cc: Chief Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley
Justice Patience Drake Roggensack
Justice Rebecca Grassl Bradley
Justice Rebecca Frank Dallet
Justice Brian Hagedorn
Justice Jill J. Karofsky
James D. Rogers, Government Affairs Director, Wisconsin Association for Justice
Jay A. Urban, President, Wisconsin Association for Justice
Amy M. Risseuw, President-Elect, Wisconsin Association for Justice

List of Interested Persons for Supreme Court Rules

Badger State Sheriffs' Association, Attention: Executive Director
Board of Administrative Oversight, Attention: Lori S. Kornblum, Chair
Board of Bar Examiners
Chief Circuit Court Judges
Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney
Circuit Court Judges
Clerk of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Sheila T. Reiff
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney
Court of Appeals Judges
Court Operations: Diane M. Fremgen, Deputy Director for Court Operations
Court Operations: Ann Olson, Krista Miller, Amber Peterson, Beth Barroilhet
Dean Dietrich, Attorney
Department of Administration, State Prosecutors Office, Attention: Kasey Diess, Director
Director of State Courts, Honorable Randy Koschnick
District Court Administrators
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director
Hamilton Consulting Group, Attention: Rebecca Hogan, R.J. Pirlot, Adam Jordahl
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: Deedee Peterson, Executive Director
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Attention: Colleen Foley, Executive Director
Marquette University Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney, Dean
Office of Lawyer Regulation, Attention: Timothy Samuelson, Director
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Kelli S. Thompson
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Jeremy C. Perri
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: Terri Surita
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Larry Martin, Executive Director
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys, Public Affairs Director
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Cheryl Furstace Daniels, President
University of Wisconsin Law School, Attention: Daniel Tokaji, Dean
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Ann Peacock
Wisconsin Asian American Bar Association, Attention: Bryant Park
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Bryan Roessler, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Susan Schaubel
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: John Knight
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Kris Cleven, Vice President-Legal
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Regina Kolbow, Carlo Esqueda
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Marcie Rainbolt
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jenni Kilpatrick, Executive Director;
Andrew Hebl, President
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Greta Mattison, Executive Director
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: David Pruhs, Exec. Secretary
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Pamela M. Ritger
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Beth Ann Richlen, Executive Director
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: William C. Gleisner, III, Chair
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Samuel Christensen
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Robert Kupfer
Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Attention: Beth Bennett, Executive Director
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association

Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association, Attention: Sandy Schueller
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: John Gelhard
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gregory Gill, Jr.
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gwendolyn Topping, President