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SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

Marilyn L. Graves
Clerk of Supreme Court
Madison, WI

In the Matter of the Amendment of
the Supreme Court Internal
Operating Procedures

ORDER
No. 98-03

The court, on its own motion, has considered the advisability of amending its Internal Operating Procedures concerning its opinions.

IT IS ORDERED that, effective the date of this order, II. G. of the Wisconsin Supreme Court Internal Operating Procedures is amended to read:

G. Opinion

Opinions are considered at scheduled conferences at which the court discusses and approves opinions prepared and previously circulated by the justices. The author of an opinion circulates the proposed opinion at least seven calendar days prior to the conferencing of the opinion. Any objections or suggestions to be made by a justice agreeing with the majority are submitted in writing to the author, with copies to all justices, at least three calendar days prior to the conference. At or prior to the conference, any justice may ask that an opinion be held for a subsequent conference.

The court votes on its opinions at this conference. The court considers each opinion carefully as to language and

substance, and if there are any changes to be made that are of more than minimal importance, the opinion is recirculated and reconferenced. Any justice, whether or not in the majority ~~or not~~, may at any time prior to the issuance of the mandate ask that the opinion be held and reconferenced.

Each justice who elects to write an opinion concurring in or dissenting from the court's opinion ordinarily announces that intention at opinion conference and, if possible, circulates that opinion prior to opinion conference. It is the duty of the author of a concurring or dissenting opinion and of a justice who has asked that an opinion be held to give first priority to the concurring or dissenting opinion and to the opinion being held. Justices are to circulate concurring or dissenting opinions and remove the hold of any opinion they have requested before circulating opinions in cases assigned to them.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of this amendment of the Supreme Court Internal Operating Procedures be given by a single publication of a copy of this order in the official state newspaper and in an official publication of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 22nd day of June, 1998.

BY THE COURT:

Marilyn L. Graves,
Clerk of Court

