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**APR 6, 2001**

SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

Cornelia G. Clark  
Clerk of Supreme Court  
Madison, WI

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In the Matter of the Petition to  
Create a Mandatory Fee Arbitration  
System

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ORDER  
No. 00-15

On March 13, 2001, the court held a public hearing on a petition filed on September 25, 2000, requesting the court to adopt Supreme Court Rules establishing a mandatory fee arbitration system for lawyer-client fee disputes. The court has considered the matters presented at the public hearing. The court expresses its appreciation to Attorney Gerald Sternberg for presenting the petition and compiling the extensive information in support thereof and to the State Bar of Wisconsin and the Milwaukee County Bar Association for their efforts in commenting on the petition and their ongoing efforts in conducting voluntary fee arbitration programs. The court has determined a mandatory fee arbitration system for lawyer-client fee disputes should not be adopted at this time, the court will convene a committee to study mandatory and voluntary fee arbitration programs.

IT IS ORDERED that the petition for the adoption of rules for a mandatory fee arbitration system is denied.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.

BY THE COURT:

Cornelia G. Clark  
Clerk of Court

