

SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

No. 15-06

**In the Matter of the Petition to Amend
Wis. Stat. § 803.08 to Allocate a Portion of
Unclaimed Class Action Awards to Support the
Provision of Legal Services to Low Income and
Indigent Persons**

FILED

JAN 27, 2016

Diane M. Fremgen
Clerk of Supreme Court
Madison, WI

On October 9, 2015, the Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission, by David J. Harth and Melody K. Glazer, filed this rule petition asking the court to amend Wis. Stat. § 803.08. Specifically, the current language in this section would be renumbered as Wis. Stat. § 803.08(a), and Wis. Stat. § 803.08(b) would be created with the title "Disposition of Residual Funds," providing definitions for both "residual funds" and "WisTAF" (Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc.), and providing a procedure for residual funds from unclaimed class action awards to be disbursed to WisTAF.

By letter dated January 15, 2016, in response to a written inquiry from the court, the petitioners provided the court with additional information. By letter dated January 12, 2016, the Committee of Chief Judges (Committee) advised the court that it has voted unanimously to oppose the petition in its present form for reasons set forth in its letter.

The court discussed the matter in open administrative conference on January 22, 2016, and voted unanimously to schedule a public hearing on the petition. The court acknowledged the Committee's

letter and noted the Committee's position will be considered as part of the public hearing and ensuing discussions on this matter.

IT IS ORDERED that a public hearing on the petition shall be held in the Supreme Court Room in the State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the court's conference in the matter shall be held promptly following the public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the hearing be given by a publication of a copy of this order and of the petition in the official state newspaper once each week for three consecutive weeks, and in an official publication of the State Bar of Wisconsin not more than 60 days nor less than 30 days before the date of the hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the full text of the proposed rules, including changes, if any, in existing rules, shall be placed on the Internet site maintained by the director of state courts for the supreme court. See www.wicourts.gov.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 27th day of January, 2016.

BY THE COURT:

Diane M. Fremgen
Clerk of Supreme Court

