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Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition 10-03

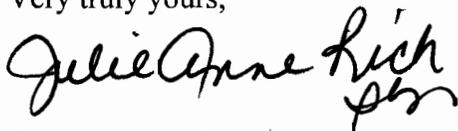
Greetings,

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 10-03 filed by Dean A. Strang, John S. Skilton, and Timothy W. Burns on behalf their 12 clients, all members in good standing of the State Bar of Wisconsin. The petition requests the court to amend Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 81.02 relating to compensation of court-appointed attorneys. The petition proposes increasing the hourly rate of compensation for court-appointed lawyers from \$70 to \$80, indexing that rate to the Consumer Price Index, and specifying that the payment of an hourly rate less than the rate set forth in SCR 81.02(1) for legal services rendered pursuant to appointment by the State Public Defender under Wis. Stat. § 977.08 is unreasonable. You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization has been identified as potentially having an interest in this matter. A copy of the petition can be found at the court's Website at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

Consistent with standard practice, the court has scheduled and will conduct a public hearing and an open administrative conference on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., to discuss this matter further. If you deem it appropriate, you are invited to appear in person at the public hearing and/or provide a written response to this petition by Friday, October 1, 2010. Responses should be filed with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. A Microsoft Word version of any comment shall be e-mailed to carrie.janto@wicourts.gov or clerk@wicourts.gov. Please refer to the guidelines for commenting on rule petitions at the court's Website at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact Susan Gray, c/o Office of the Director of State Courts, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688 (telephone: 608-266-6708) (email: susan.gray@wicourts.gov).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Anne Rich" with a stylized flourish below the name.

Julie Anne Rich
Supreme Court Commissioner

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