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Wisconsin Supreme Court
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Re: Petition 10-08, Petition to Establish a Right to Counsel in Civil Cases

Dear Justices:

The Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission submits this comment for the court's consideration at the hearing on the above petition. At their meeting on June 16, 2011, the commission considered the above petition and voted unanimously to adopt the following statement:

The Access to Justice Commission emphatically endorses the right to legal counsel for low income Wisconsin residents when basic human needs are at stake, as embodied in Petition 10-08, Petition to Establish a Right to Counsel in Civil Cases, and as found in American Bar Association Recommendation 112A, dated August 7, 2006, which has been adopted by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Wisconsin. The commission stands ready to assist the court in any way necessary to implement the right to appointment of legal counsel.

If you have any questions regarding the commission's position, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gregg M. Moore
President
Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission