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To: *Interested Parties – See Attached List*

Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition 11-03, In the matter of repeal and recreation of SCR 70.38 - 70.39, relating to court security and facilities

Greetings,

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 11-03 to repeal and recreate SCR 70.38 - 70.39, relating to court security and facilities filed June 30, 2011, by A. John Voelker, Director of State Courts. The petition asks the court to repeal existing rules and create a new rule chapter governing circuit court security and facilities. The stated goal of this proposal is to promote communication among circuit courts, county officials, court planners, architects, and contractors concerning court facilities and security issues. The petition states that court safety and courthouse security in Wisconsin's courthouses is a top priority, and the chapter is intended to assist counties and courts in making sound decisions about court facilities that serve citizens of their Wisconsin communities.

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 Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

On September 15, 2011, the court concluded in open administrative conference that it would seek written comments for this petition. The court has tentatively scheduled this rule petition for an administrative conference on December 5, 2011, at 9:45 a.m., to discuss this matter directly with the petitioners.<sup>1</sup> A public hearing may be scheduled if the responses from interested parties indicate this is warranted.

The court may take any action it deems appropriate, including any of the following:

- (a) Adopt the rule proposed, or a modified version, without further comment.
- (b) Reject the rule proposed without further comment.
- (c) Schedule the rule petition for public hearing.

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<sup>1</sup> Chief Justice Abrahamson and Justice Bradley dissented from this part of the court's decision because they would schedule a public hearing rather than scheduling another administrative conference to discuss whether to have a public hearing or other alternatives.

- (e) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.
- (f) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed in writing by October 28, 2011, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, e-mail a Microsoft Word version of your response to [carrie.janto@wicourts.gov](mailto:carrie.janto@wicourts.gov) or [clerk@wicourts.gov](mailto:clerk@wicourts.gov). See comment guidelines at the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>. The petitioner shall file any response to comments received on or before November 4, 2011.

You might wish to consult the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/supreme.htm> to follow this rule petition. Court communications on the petition and any written comments filed with the clerk's office are posted on the Web site.

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](mailto:susan.gray@wicourts.gov)).

Very truly yours,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich

Supreme Court Commissioner

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cc: Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson  
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley  
Justice N. Patrick Crooks  
Justice David T. Prosser, Jr.  
Justice Patience Drake Roggensack  
Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler  
Justice Michael J. Gableman  
A. John Voelker, Director of State Courts

**List of Interested Parties for Supreme Court Rules Matters**

Board of Bar Examiners  
Chief Circuit Court Judges  
Circuit Court Judges  
Court of Appeals Judges  
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney  
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: John F. Ebbott  
League of Women Voters  
Marquette Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney  
Office of Lawyer Regulation  
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Kelli S. Thompson  
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: J.B. Van Hollen  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: James Brennan  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: George Brown  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Adam Korbitz  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Margaret Porco  
U.W. Law School, Attention: Kenneth B. Davis, Jr.  
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director  
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Andrew Clarkowski  
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Yer L. Vang  
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Jane E. Garrott, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attn: Steven DeVougas  
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever  
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Cedric Cornwall  
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Attorney John Knight  
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Lonnie Wolf  
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf  
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki and Andrew C. Cook  
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Diane Schlipper  
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: Commr. Leo Grill  
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: David A. Westrup, Treasurer  
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Rosemary Elbert  
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: James Alexander  
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: April Southwick  
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Vicki Gilbertson  
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable JoAnn Eiring  
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association, Attention: Kay Stelzner  
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: Quinn Williams/Nancy Wettersten  
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuench  
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Leland Wigg-Ninham, President

**List of Additional Interested Parties – if any**