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February 8, 2012

To: Interested Persons – See Attached List

Re: Rule Procedures Committee Report on Supreme Court's Rule Making Function [No. 12-01]

Greetings:

On Monday, March 5, 2012, the Wisconsin Supreme Court will conduct a public hearing and open administrative conference to consider a report filed by its advisory committee regarding the court's rule making function.

In June 2010 the Wisconsin Supreme Court created an advisory committee to review and provide recommendations on the Supreme Court's rule making process. In May 2011 the Rule Procedures Committee submitted to the Wisconsin Supreme Court its report and recommendations on the court's rule making function. The committee's report is available on the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/1201.htm>. The committee's report summarizes three rule making structures the Supreme Court might consider for its rule making function, including (1) a Judicial Policy Council, (2) a Rules Advisory Board or committees, and (3) a modification of the present Supreme Court rule making structure.

You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization has been identified as potentially having an interest in this matter. You or your agency or organization may have also filed a rule petition in the past few years seeking amendments to court rules or procedures.

The court has scheduled and will conduct a public hearing and an open administrative conference on March 5, 2012 at 9:45 a.m., to discuss this matter further. The court anticipates that staff from other courts may appear via video conference to provide information about their rule making procedures. The hearing is scheduled in Room 411 South of the State Capitol in order to accommodate appearances by video conferencing.

Any comment to the committee's report should be filed by Friday, February 24, 2012, 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 or clerk@wicourts.gov.

If you are interested in appearing in person at the public hearing please notify Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk, by February 24, at carrie.janto@wicourts.gov or 608-261-4302. Interested persons will be heard between scheduled video appearances and their time to comment on the committee's report may be limited. The Chief Justice may adjust the time periods if a large number of persons register to speak.

You might wish to consult the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/supreme.htm> to follow this report (#12-01). Court communications on the committee's report and any written comments filed with the clerk's office will be posted on the Web site.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact Theresa Owens, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688 (telephone: 608-261-8297) (email: theresa.owens@wicourts.gov).

Very truly yours,

/s/

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Rule Procedures Committee members -
Attorney Dean Dietrich
Attorney Beth Hanan
Adam Korbitz, State Bar
Lisa Roys, State Bar
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List of Interested Persons 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
Director of State Courts
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: Natasha Fahey-Flynn
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Adam Korbitz
U.W. Law School, Attention: Margaret Raymond
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Lynn M. Stathas
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Arman S. Rouf
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Jane E. Garrott, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attention: Steven DeVougas
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever,
Executive Director
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: David Callender
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki and Andrew C. Cook
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Matthew Giesfeldt, Executive Director
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: Hon. Jason Hanson
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Adria D. Maddaleni
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: Amy Franzen
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: Quinn Williams/Nancy Wettersten
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuench
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Amanda Rockmann, President
Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney

List of Additional Interested Persons:

American Board of Trial Advocates, Wisconsin Chapter, Attention: Kelly Centofanti, President
District Court Administrators
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List of Additional Interested Persons - cont'd.

State Bar of Wisconsin, Appellate Practice Section, Attention: Todd G. Smith
Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation (WisTAF): Attention: De Ette Tomlinson,
Executive Director
Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Attention: Secretary Richard G. Chandler
Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Attention: Secretary Reggie Newson
Association of Administrative Law Judges, Attention: Greg Pokrass
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Brady C. Williamson, Jr., Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., Madison
Wisconsin Realtors Association, Attention: Robert Keefe, Chairman of the Board
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Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, Attention: Todd J. Teske, Chair
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Dane County District Attorney's Office, Attention: Ismael R. Ozanne
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Christopher Wren, Wisconsin Department of Justice
Warren Weinstein, Wisconsin Department of Justice
Wisconsin Association of Municipal Court Clerks, Attention: Anne B. Uecker, President
Hon. Charles Dykman
Wisconsin Joint Legislative Council, Senator Mary Lazich and
Representative Joan Ballweg, Co-Chairs
Wisconsin Fund for Client Protection, Attention: Deborah M. Smith, Chair
Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission, Attention: Gregg Moore, President
and Jeff Brown. Staff liaison