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Clerk of the Supreme Court
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VIA E-MAIL

Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition 12-07, Petition to Amend SCR 70.03 and 70.12(1)(c)3, and create SCR 70.12(5) and (6), and 70.16, relating to the Supreme Court Finance Committee.

Dear Ms. Janto:

In response to the Supreme Court's request, the planning and policy advisory committee (PPAC) submits comment on rule petition 12-07 relating to the supreme court finance committee. At its meeting on Thursday, November 29, 2012, PPAC considered this rule petition. Chief Justice Abrahamson did not attend this portion of the meeting. As PPAC vice-chairperson, I chaired this discussion. By a vote of 14-4 with one abstention, PPAC adopted a motion to oppose the rule petition and to communicate the following comment to the court:

With the information before it, the committee found it difficult to determine if creating the Supreme Court finance committee is appropriate. Committees such as this are usually identified using a deliberative process where a problem is identified, studied, and several solutions presented for consideration. PPAC opposes this petition until further information is gathered as to why this committee is needed and what alternatives are available.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the rule petition.

Sincerely,

Hon. Juan Colás, Vice-Chairperson
Planning and Policy Advisory Committee