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Wisconsin Supreme Court
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Re: Petition 13-14 for amendment of SCR 60.04

Honorable Justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court:

On behalf of the judges of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, I am submitting this letter in support of Rule Petition 13-14. The petition proposes amendments to the Wisconsin Code of Judicial Conduct with respect to a judge's ethical responsibility to self-represented litigants.

At our November 5, 2013 meeting, the Court of Appeals judges heard a presentation on the rule petition from Judge Margaret Vergeront of the Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission. After discussion of the proposed changes, the judges voted unanimously to support the rule change. Not only will the rule change be of assistance to circuit court judges who have in-person contact with self-represented litigants, it also provides guidance to appellate judges in the processing and disposition of written submissions by self-represented appellate parties.

Sincerely,

Chief Judge Richard Brown
Wisconsin Court of Appeals

Cc: Gregg Moore, President, Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission