



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court

**FROM:** Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Deputy Director of Government Affairs

**DATE:** February 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Appendix to Petition 14-03: In re creation of Wis. Stat. 801.18, relating to mandatory electronic filing in circuit court and conversion to electronic circuit court records

The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) has recently reviewed Amended Petition 14-03 regarding mandatory electronic filing in circuit court and conversion to electronic circuit court records, as well as the anticipated rollout plan as outlined in a letter dated December 22, 2015 from the Honorable Robert J. Wirtz. Based on that review, WCA offers the following comments:

- WCA continues to support the use of technology to improve circuit court efficiency and reduce costs.
- As mentioned in WCA's comments to the court dated February 6, 2015, county support is contingent upon the receipt of adequate hardware and software needed to implement the rule.
- Funding for implementation of mandatory electronic filing and record conversion must not come from state aid to counties for circuit court operations.
- WCA supports the waiver of electronic filing fees for indigent parties and governmental units.

WCA appreciates the efforts undertaken by the Committee of Chief Judges to develop a rollout plan that appears to adequately address the needs of county government.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.