

Rule Petition 17-06.

I am writing to express my support for increasing the hourly rate currently being paid to private lawyers who provide services to the State Public Defenders office in criminal cases.

The current rate (\$40.00/hr) creates a serious financial hardship for any attorney who may want to provide service to the SPD office. This then causes a shortage in available resources for those who are constitutional entitled to defending themselves in these cases.

Our criminal justice system must perform at the highest standard. Without that as a goal, every citizen of Wisconsin is being denied their rights as enumerated in sec.7 of the Wisconsin Constitution.

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