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Subject: Increase in public defending rate

As an attorney for 42 years and a sole practitioner. I have handled hundreds of criminal cases and some as a public defender. I am aware that the Wisconsin and United States Constitution support the right of defendants to counsel regardless of money. The poor need the advice, consultation, and zealous representation of counsel. Gideon decided this years ago.

The 40 dollar per hour rate for public defenders. deprives defendants the right to competent counsel. Accordingly I favor a substantial increase in the hourly rate so that talented and competent attorneys will be willing to serve. Your truly, Attorney Walter W Stern 1014060
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