



January 11, 2018

Clerk of the Supreme Court
P.O. Box 1688
Madison, WI 53701

RE: Rule Petition 17-09

To the Honorable Justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court:

On behalf of ABC for Health, Inc., I write in support of Rule Petition 17-09 which proposes an increase in pro hac vice admission fees to fund the ongoing work of the Access to Justice Commission and its mission “to develop and encourage means of expanding access to the civil justice system for unrepresented low income Wisconsin residents.”

As a community-based organization serving the legal needs of vulnerable, low-income Wisconsinites, ABC for Health, Inc. appreciates the Commission’s endeavors to promote funding for civil legal aid programs, encourage pro bono services, and address barriers to effective pro se participation in the courts. We are reminded daily by the individuals and families we serve of the breadth and depth of unmet civil legal needs in Wisconsin. In that light, we recognize the importance of strengthening dedicated efforts to innovate, inform, and advocate for systems advancing equal access to justice for all.

The voices of the poor and underserved are often muffled. We ask the Court to provide needed leadership on this important issue and effort to help expand access to civil legal services for low-income Wisconsinites. We encourage the Court to adopt the amendment requested in this petition.

Respectfully,

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