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**To: Interested Persons – See Attached List**

Re: Rule Petition 18-01, Judicial Administrative Districts

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 18-01 filed January 9, 2018, by Judge Randy R. Koschnick, Director of State Courts. The petition proposes certain changes to the Wisconsin Statutes and Supreme Court Rules in order to eliminate the sixth judicial administrative district and redistribute the counties that presently constitute the sixth judicial administrative district. This will entail repealing sections Wis. Stat. §§ 753.06 (6) (title) and 757.60 (6), and Supreme Court Rule 70.17(6), amending Wis. Stat. §§ 13.525 (1) (e), 757.60 (3), (4), (5), (7), and (9), amending Supreme Court Rules 70.17(3), (4), (5), (7), and (9), and renumbering Wis. Stat. §§ 753.06 (3) (a), (5) (a), (6) (a) to (k), and (7) (a). This proposal is intended to reduce overall administrative costs and increase the efficiency of the judicial system. A copy of the petition can be found on the court's website at <https://wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

At the closed rules conference on January 16, 2018, the court conducted a preliminary discussion of this matter and voted to obtain written comments. The court will decide whether to conduct a public hearing on this petition after reviewing the written comments it receives. Please note, the court may take any action on a rule petition it deems appropriate, including any of the following:

- (a) Adopt the rule proposed, or a modified version, without further comment.
- (b) Reject the rule proposed without further comment.
- (c) Schedule the rule petition for public hearing.
- (d) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.
- (e) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by February 9, 2018, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, email a Microsoft Word version of your response to [clerk@wicourts.gov](mailto:clerk@wicourts.gov). See comment guidelines at the court's website at <https://wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>. The petitioner shall file any response to the comments by February 16, 2018.

You might wish to consult the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/supreme.htm> to follow this rule petition. Court communications on the petition and any written comments filed with the clerk's office will be posted on the website.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact me by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, by telephone at 608-261-6642, or by email at [julie.rich@wicourts.gov](mailto:julie.rich@wicourts.gov).

Very truly yours,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich

Supreme Court Commissioner

cc: Chief Justice Patience Drake Roggensack  
Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson  
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley  
Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler  
Justice Michael J. Gableman  
Justice Rebecca Grassl Bradley  
Justice Daniel Kelly  
Judge Randy K. Koschnick, Director of State Courts  
Diane M. Fremgen, Deputy Director for Court Operations

**List of Interested Persons for Supreme Court Rules Matters**

Badger State Sheriffs Association, Attention: Executive Director  
Board of Bar Examiners  
Chief Circuit Court Judges  
Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney  
Circuit Court Judges  
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney  
Court of Appeals Judges  
Deputy Director for Court Operations, Diane Fremgen  
Court Operations, Marcia Vandercook  
Court Operations, Peggy Hurley  
Court Operations, Ann Olson  
Dean Dietrich, Attorney (Wausau)  
Diane M. Fremgen, Acting Clerk of Supreme Court  
Director of State Courts, Honorable Randy K. Koschnick  
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director  
Legal Action of Wisconsin  
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Attention: Mike Gonring, Executive Director  
Marquette Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney  
Office of Lawyer Regulation, Attention: Keith Sellen, Director  
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Kelli S. Thompson  
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Jeremy C. Perri  
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: Brad D. Schimel  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Larry Martin, Executive Director  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys, Public Affairs Director  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Paul G. Swanson, President  
Steven Levine, Attorney  
U.W. Law School, Attention: Margaret Raymond  
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Ann Peacock  
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Robin Dalton  
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Bryan Roessler, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attn: Steven DeVougas  
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever  
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Susan Schaubel  
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Attorney John Knight  
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Rose Oswalk Poels, CEO  
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Theresa Russell  
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Marcie Rainbolt  
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki, Executive Director  
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Greta Mattison, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: David Pruhs, Exec. Secretary  
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Cain W. Oulahan  
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Kimberly Haas, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke  
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: Thomas W. Bertz  
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Jody J. Bartels  
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Jason Hanson  
Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Attention: Beth Bennett, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association, Attention: Julie Kayartz  
Wisconsin Sheriff & Deputy Sheriff Association, Attention: David Graves, Exec. Director  
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: John Gelhard

Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuench  
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Eugene White-Fish, President

**List of Additional Interested Persons**

Holly Szablewski, DCA, District I  
Louis Moore, DCA, District II  
Michael Neimon, DCA, District III  
Jon Bellows, DCA, District IV  
Theresa Owens, DCA, District V  
Ronald Ledford, DCA, District VI  
Patrick Brummond, DCA, District VII  
Thomas Schappa, DCA, District VIII  
Susan Byrnes, DCA, District IX  
Donald Harper, DCA, District X