



August 22, 2018

Clerk of Supreme Court of Wisconsin  
Attn: Deputy Clerk - Rules  
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Madison, WI 53701  
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Re: Proposed Amendment of WI SCR 10.03(4)

Honorable Justices of the Wisconsin Supreme Court:

The Ft. Peck Tribes ICWA Office is writing in support of the proposed amendment to allow an exception for the pro hac vice rules and fee for representatives of Indian Tribes.

Members of the Fort Peck Tribes have settled across the United States. The Fort Peck Tribes get a large volume of notices regarding dependency actions that have triggered the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) regarding potential members who reside off the reservation outside of the State of Montana.

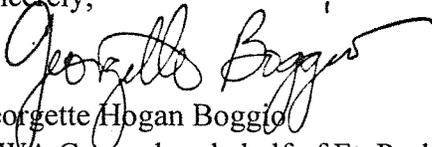
If all state jurisdictions were to require pro hac vice attorneys and fees from the Fort Peck Tribes upon intervention in cases involving their tribal children, the administrative and financial burden of the pro hac vice requirements would substantially limit the Fort Peck Tribes' ability to advocate meaningfully on behalf of all their children.

Beyond the clear financial burden for the Fort Peck Tribes to hire attorneys in every state, multiple attorneys hamper the ability of the Tribes to efficiently maintain a consistent response for their tribal children in ICWA matters across the nation. Each attorney would have to be brought up to speed on the cultural customs and current Tribal policies, procedures and services regarding tribal children in dependency actions under ICWA.

Adoption of this amendment would improve the Fort Peck Tribes' ability to fully participate in Wisconsin proceedings involving tribal children and provide for the best communication

between all the parties, improving the outcomes for tribal children in Wisconsin's court system.  
Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Georgette Boggio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "G".

Georgette Hogan Boggio  
ICWA Counsel on behalf of Ft. Peck Tribes