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Wisconsin Supreme Court
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RE: Rule Petition 19-01 relating to making the record

Dear Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court:

Thank you for your time in taking public comment on making the record in Wisconsin courtrooms. I have been a freelance court reporter for 32 years and as an official currently for two years in Walworth County. I am writing in regard to the importance of a live court reporter in a courtroom.

Approximately a month ago, a party to a case was called to testify. He had been listening to the case with a hearing assistive device. Once he was called to the stand, the assistive device no longer was working for him as he was not facing the transmitter once he was in the witness box. I was able to put my realtime computer feed in front of him, and he was then able to see and answer questions posed to him by attorneys.

In the county that I work in, reporters and judges are always willing to work together to get all hearings covered whenever there are absences due to illness or vacation.

Thank you for considering my experiences in relation to making the record in the State of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Adrienne M. Adams