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Wisconsin State Supreme Court c/o  
Clerk of Supreme Court - Deputy Clerk-Rules  
P.O. Box 1688  
Madison, WI 53701-1688

Re: Rule Petition 19-02: In re Petition for the Creation of a Pilot Project and Interim Court Rule Governing Electronic Filing in the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court

To the Honorable Justices of the State Supreme Court:

I write in support of this rules petition. I have long wanted to be able to create an entire appellate brief and appendix wholly within my computer without the use of a printer. This rule would save me a great deal of time and my client's money. Just the allowance of e-signatures would be of great benefit to appellate lawyers. In a recent brief I filed, I had to print out pages and sign my name five times (for the conclusion and various certifications). Then I had to reintegrate those signed pages into a file for copying and binding. Then I had to have the brief and appendix copied, bound and mailed. The average cost for copying and mailing in my last three appeals was \$195.00 - not including my time to accomplish those tasks. If I could create an entire brief and appendix within my computer, and then serve it electronically, that would be a godsend to my practice. I could prepare the brief anywhere and not be limited to my office. I would even go one step further and amend the rule to allow for electronic signatures on motions.

Sincerely,

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