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Chief Judge Lisa S. Neubauer  
Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District II  
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Re: Rule Petition 19-02  
In re petition to create efilng pilot for Court of Appeals and Supreme Court

Dear Chief Judge Neubauer:

As you are likely aware, on February 15, 2019, Sheila T. Reiff, Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, filed a rule petition asking the Wisconsin Supreme Court to authorize a pilot project and to adopt an interim rule to facilitate the development and testing of procedures preliminary to mandatory efilng in the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. The pilot will be a collaboration among the Consolidated Court Automation Programs (CCAP), the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court.

The petition is limited to the pilot project. Experience gained will be used to determine permanent administrative rules and/or legislative changes that will be advisable when we move to mandatory efilng. Before any permanent changes are made to court rules and procedures, a separate rule petition, additional and extensive public input, and another public hearing will be required.

The court discussed this petition in conference on February 19, 2019. Although a temporary administrative pilot typically can be approved quite informally, the court recognized the impact this project will have on the judges and staff of the court of appeals. Accordingly, the court voted to solicit public comment and to schedule the matter for a public hearing. The hearing will be held on April 8, 2019 in the Supreme Court Hearing Room, Second floor, East, State Capital, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

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I take this opportunity to invite and encourage court of appeals judges and staff to participate by providing written comments or by giving testimony at the public hearing for the pilot project's rules that we will employ as Wisconsin's appellate courts transition to efilings. I encourage all judges to make suggestions about specific areas of concern and ideas to facilitate the pilot project.

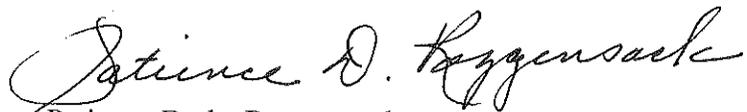
Just as it was when we moved to efilings in the circuit courts, buy-in by the judges who are most affected will be critical to a successful transition to appellate efilings. It is my understanding that the Clerk and CCAP have committed to offering individual training to judges and justices as this pilot project progresses.

We anticipate that the pilot project will commence by inviting certain frequent appellate filers, such as private law firms, the Office of the State Public Defender, and the Attorney General's Office, to participate in and provide feedback on their use of appellate efilings. District IV likely will be the first district asked to participate in the project.

Written comments may be filed by March 20, 2019, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688.<sup>1</sup> Submission by email is accepted and encouraged. The petitioner may file a response to the comments by March 25, 2019. As I mentioned above, all judges are welcome to attend and speak at the public hearing although attendance is optional. All written comments are carefully considered.

You may wish to consult the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/1902.htm> to follow this rule petition. Court communications on the petition and written comments filed with the clerk's office will be posted on the website.

Sincerely,



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Chief Justice

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<sup>1</sup> Comments may be submitted by emailing a Microsoft Word version of the response to [clerk@wicourts.gov](mailto:clerk@wicourts.gov). See comment guidelines at the court's website at: <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>.