



Clerk of Supreme Court
Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules
P.O. Box 1688
Madison, WI 53701-1688

November 21, 2019

RE: public comment on rule petition 19-09, In the Matter of the Proposed Amendment to Wisconsin Statutes § 809.86 (Petitions for Review: Online access)

On behalf of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin, I submit the following comment to Rule Petition 19-19.

As information professionals, we are generally in vigorous support of public access to government information; however, we also believe it is important to protect the identities and privacy of victims of crimes. Therefore, we agree with the proposed amendment to Wisconsin Statutes § 809.86 to expand protection for crime victims by prohibiting use of their full names to include petitions for review and responses posted on the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Case Access website. It would be an unintended and undesirable loophole in electronic access freedoms to expose the identity of people who have suffered by making these documents available publicly online without the same safeguards which are already required in the original court documents. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diane Duffey
LLAW Government Relations Committee

cc: Comm. Mark Neuser