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

RE: Petition 20-07 Electronic Filing in Appellate Cases

Dear Clerk of Supreme Court:

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Wisconsin, I am writing to express our support for Rule Petition 20-07, Appellate eFiling. On December 4, 2020, the Board of Governors voted unanimously to support the petition.

The Board was pleased to have State Court staff attend our meetings in September and December to outline the work of the drafters and answer questions. General letters of support for the petition were received from members of the Criminal Law Section, the Appellate Practice Section, and the Civil Rights and Liberties Section. The Board and section members anticipate cost and time savings with the elimination of paper filings and the ability to file directly into the system without mailing or delivery costs.

Several concerns were raised during our discussions related to accessibility of the circuit court e-Filing system for indigent representation and Tribal Governments. While these issues were outside the scope of this petition, the State Bar will continue to work on addressing these matters with those affected groups.

Thank you for considering this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Larry Martin (lmartin@wisbar.org) or Advocacy and Access to Justice Director Lisa Roys (lroys@wisbar.org).

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen A. Brost".

Kathleen A. Brost, President
State Bar of Wisconsin