STATE OF WISCONSIN IN THE SUPREME COURT

In re creation of court rules governing electronic filing in the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court and amendments to circuit court electronic filing

Petition 20-07

PETITION

The Appellate eFiling Committee, a committee convened by the Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, respectfully petitions the Supreme Court to approve the use of an electronic filing system in the appellate courts, and to amend the rules of appellate procedure as needed to implement the system.

This petition requests that the current system for electronic filing of briefs and appendices, adopted in 2009, be expanded into a comprehensive system of electronic filing and service, building on the system used successfully in the Wisconsin circuit courts. It proposes amendments to the Rules of Appellate Procedure, Wis. Stat. ch. 809, to integrate electronic filing terminology and procedure throughout the chapter. The changes relating to appellate eFiling are included as Appendix A to this petition. Explanations for various amendments are inserted in the text.

Amendments are also proposed to the circuit court eFiling rule, Wis. Stat. § 801.18, to update the rule and keep it consistent with the appellate eFiling rule as much as possible. These amendments included as Appendix B, along with related amendments to several circuit court statutes.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of November, 2020.

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