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To: Interested Persons – See Attached List

Via E-mail Distribution

Re: Rule Petition 24-05, Attorney Assessments for Public Interest Legal Services

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 24-05, filed on July 3, 2024, by the Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission, Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund, Wisconsin Judicare Legal Aid, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Disability Rights Wisconsin, ABC for Health, and Centro Legal. This rule petition asks the court to amend Supreme Court Rule 13.045(1) to increase the annual assessment of attorneys for the Public Interest Legal Services Fund, which supports legal services for people of limited means in non-criminal matters. The current assessment is \$50 annually; petitioners request an increase to \$75 annually in 2025 and \$100 annually in 2027.

You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization potentially have an interest in this matter. A copy of the petition can be found on the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/2405.htm>.

At a closed administrative conference on September 3, 2024, the court voted to obtain written comments and schedule a public hearing at a date to be determined. Please note, the court may take any action on a rule petition it deems appropriate, including any of the following:

- (a) Adopt the rule proposed, or a modified version, without further comment.
- (b) Reject the rule proposed without further comment.
- (c) Schedule the rule petition for public hearing.
- (d) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.
- (e) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by October 7, 2024, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. Additionally, please e-mail a Microsoft Word version of your comment to clerk@wicourts.gov. Please see the

comment guidelines at the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/process.htm>. The petitioner may file any response to the comments by October 21, 2024.

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

If you have specific questions regarding this matter, please contact me by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, by telephone at 608-261-6642, or by e-mail at tim.barber@wicourts.gov.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Timothy M. Barber

Supreme Court Commissioner

cc: Chief Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley
Justice Rebecca Grassl Bradley
Justice Rebecca Frank Dallet
Justice Brian K. Hagedorn
Justice Jill J. Karofsky
Justice Janet C. Protasiewicz
Hon. Richard Sankovitz

List of Interested Persons for Supreme Court Rules

Badger State Sheriffs' Association, Attention: Executive Director
Board of Administrative Oversight, Attention: Denis Donohoe, Chair
Board of Bar Examiners
Chief Circuit Court Judges
Circuit Court Judges
Clerk of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Samuel A. Christensen
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney
Court of Appeals Judges
Director of State Courts, Honorable Audrey K. Skwierawski
Deputy Director of State Courts, Office of Court Operations: Holly Szablewski
Court Operations: Ann Olson, Krista Miller, Amber Peterson, Trent Koerner, Meg Sternitzky
Department of Administration, State Prosecutors Office
District Court Administrators
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director
Hamilton Consulting Group, Attention: Rebecca Hogan, R.J. Pirlot, Adam Jordahl
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: Deedee Peterson, Executive Director
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Attention: Colleen Foley, Executive Director
Marquette University Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney, Dean
Office of Lawyer Regulation, Attention: Timothy Samuelson, Director
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Katie York
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Adam Plotkin
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: Josh L. Kaul
Preliminary Review Committee, Attention: Barry Boline, Chair
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Larry Martin, Executive Director
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys, Advocacy & Access to Justice Director
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Dean Dietrich, President
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Margaret Hickey, Past-President
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Ryan M. Billings, President-Elect
University of Wisconsin Law School, Attention: Daniel Tokaji, Dean; Myra Sun, Exec. Asst.
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Winn S. Collins
Wisconsin Asian American Bar Association, Attention: Julius Kim, President
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Bryan Roessler, Executive Director; Jim Rogers,
Government Affairs Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Susan Schaubel
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Kris Cleven, Vice President-Legal
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Regina Kolbow, Stacy Kleist
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Marcie Rainbolt
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jenni Kilpatrick, Executive Director; Andrew Hebl,
President
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Greta Mattison, Executive Director
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: David Pruhs, Deputy Family
Court Commissioners; Lisa Krueger, Family Court Commissioner; Elizabeth Pfeuffer,
Family Court Commissioner; Peggy Miller, Family Court Commissioner
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Pamela M. Ritger
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Beth Ann Richlen, Executive Director
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: William C. Gleisner, III, Chair
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Appellate Procedure Committee: Hon. Thomas M. Hruz, Chair

Wisconsin Justice Initiative, Inc., Attention: Margo Kirchner
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Lisa Milella
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Robert Kupfer
Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Attention: Beth Bennett, Executive Director
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association
Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association, Attention: Sandy Schueller
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: John Gelhard
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gregory Gill, Jr.
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gwendolyn Topping, President

Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission
Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund, Attention: Aly Lynch, Executive Director
Disability Rights Wisconsin
ABC for Health, Attention: Bobby Peterson, Executive Director
Centro Legal, Attention: Molly Dobberke Riehle, Executive Director