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BY EMAIL

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

Re: Proposed Petition 1604  
Mediator/ Written Agreement

Dear Ms. Fremgen:

I am writing in support of Proposed Petition 1604. I am a family law attorney and member of the State Bar in the State of Wisconsin and am currently practicing as a partner in the law firm of Hebl, Hebl & Ripp, LLP, in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. I have been practicing family law for over twenty years and currently act as a mediator in many divorce cases wherein the parties are pro se but would like the assistance of a mediator. As a mediator, I find myself in the difficult situation of needing to explain to parties that I cannot craft a legally enforceable document which incorporates the agreement they have reached. Therefore, I have found myself assisting them with clumsily completing the state form which rarely covers all the details of their agreement. Proposed Petition 1604 would be a welcome change, allowing us to draft an agreement on their behalf, without fear of violating any ethical rules..

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

HEBL, HEBL & RIPP, LLP

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