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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
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Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition 10-03

Dear Justices:

Here is my comment on Supreme Court Rule Petition 10-03, which will have a public hearing on October 19, 2010.

Currently in Milwaukee County, we spend \$4.5 million on providing attorneys in court cases as ordered by the judiciary. In a period of tight budgets, any increase in our costs from attorney fees results in a corresponding decrease in our ability to provide services elsewhere. Therefore I hope you would give serious consideration to reviewing this petition understanding the budgetary constraints that we in Milwaukee County are facing.

I am opposed to the provision which provides for automatic increases tied to the Consumer Price Index. I agree with the Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association that the Supreme Court should not relinquish its responsibility to review the rate as currently provided for in the rule. I would ask that you vote against tying any of the attorney pay to the Consumer Price Index.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Barrett".

John Barrett
Clerk of Circuit Court/
Register in Probate

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