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July 8, 2011

To: *Interested Parties (see list at pages 2 and 3)*

Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition 10-08

Greetings,

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 10-08 filed by John F. Ebbott, Executive Director, Legal Action of Wisconsin, on behalf of various signatories including citizens/residents, judges, and lawyers. The petition seeks an amendment to Supreme Court Rule 11.02 (Appearance by Attorney) to require circuit court judges to appoint attorneys at public expense for indigent persons in certain civil cases (a/k/a "Civil Gideon"). You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization has been identified as potentially having an interest in this matter. A copy of the petition can be found at the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

Consistent with standard practice, the court has scheduled and will conduct a public hearing and an open administrative conference on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., to discuss this matter further.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by Monday, September 12, 2011, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, e-mail a Microsoft Word version of your response to carrie.janto@wicourts.gov or clerk@wicourts.gov. See comment guidelines at the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>.

If you are interested in appearing in person at the public hearing please notify Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk, by Monday, September 26, 2011, at carrie.janto@wicourts.gov or 608-261-4302. The petitioner will have approximately 20 minutes to present the petition to the court. Interested parties will each have approximately 5 to 10 minutes to comment on the petition at the public hearing. The Chief Justice may adjust the time periods if a large number of persons register to speak.

You might wish to consult the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/supreme.htm> to follow this rule petition.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact Susan Gray, c/o Office of the Director of State Courts, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688 (telephone: 608-266-6708) (email: susan.gray@wicourts.gov).

Very truly yours,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich
Supreme Court Commissioner

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cc: Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson
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Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: John F. Ebbott

List of Interested Parties for Supreme Court Rules Matters

Board of Bar Examiners
Chief Circuit Court Judges
Circuit Court Judges
Court of Appeals Judges
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney
Director of State Courts
League of Women Voters
Marquette Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney
Office of Lawyer Regulation
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Kelli S. Thompson
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: J.B. Van Hollen
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: James Brennan
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: George Brown
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Adam Korbitz
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Margaret Porco
U.W. Law School, Attention: Kenneth B. Davis, Jr.
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Andrew Clarkowski
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Yer L. Vang
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Jane E. Garrott, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attn: Steven DeVougas
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Cedric Cornwall
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Attorney John Knight
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Lonnie Wolf
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki and Andrew C. Cook
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Diane Schlipper
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: Commr. Leo Grill

Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: David A. Westrup, Treasurer
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Rosemary Elbert
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: James Alexander
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: April Southwick
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Vicki Gilbertson
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable JoAnn Eiring
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association, Attention: Kay Stelzner
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: Quinn Williams/Nancy Wettersten
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuench
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Leland Wigg-Ninham, President

List of Additional Interested Parties (provided by petitioner)

Honorable Carl Ashley
Honorable Thomas Donegan
Honorable Jane Carroll
Honorable Marshall B. Murray
Honorable Michael J. McAlpine
Honorable Richard J. Sankovitz
Honorable Glenn H. Yamahiro
Honorable Frederick C. Rosa
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Attorney Thomas R. Cannon
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Honorable James A. Gramling, Jr.
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Honorable Andrew Bissonnette
Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission, Attention: Gregg M. Moore