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To: Interested Parties – See Attached List

Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition 11-09, In the Matter of the Petition to Amend SCR 60.04(1)(g) relating to ex parte communications in treatment courts

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 11-09 filed by the Director of State Courts. The petition seeks to amend SCR 60.04(1)(g) by adding a new provision regarding ex parte communications in treatment courts and other similar problem-solving courts. The proposed amendment would explicitly permit judges in treatment and other problem-solving courts to take part in treatment team meetings and other information exchanges without running afoul of the ethical prohibition on ex parte communications. 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 Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., to discuss this matter further.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by April 13, 2012, 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>. The petitioner shall file any response to the comments received on or before April 20, 2012.

If you are interested in appearing in person at the public hearing please notify Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk, by Friday, April 20, 2012, at carrie.janto@wicourts.gov or 608-261-4302.

You might wish to consult the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/supreme.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 Web site.

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/

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cc: Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley
Justice N. Patrick Crooks
Justice David T. Prosser, Jr.
Justice Patience Drake Roggensack
Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler
Justice Michael J. Gableman
A. John Voelker, Director of State Courts

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
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: John F. Ebbott
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: Natasha Fahey-Flynn
U.W. Law School, Attention: Margaret Raymond
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Lynn M. Stathas
Wisconsin Asian Bar Association, Attention: Arman S. Rouf
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: David Callender
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki and Andrew C. Cook
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Matthew Giesfeldt, Executive Director
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: Commr. Jason Hanson
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Adria D. Maddaleni
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: Amy Franzen
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: Francis X. Sullivan
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuench
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Amanda Rockmann, President
Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney

List of Additional Interested Parties – if any