

February 8, 2014

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

Petition 13-14 to Amend SCR 60.04.:

My name is Fran Price and I support changing SCR 60.04 to allow judges more flexibility when a party is a pro se litigant. I have been a legal advocate for victims of domestic abuse for over 9 years. I can say with certainty my clients are often pro se litigants. My clients are often pro se because, after escaping an abusive situation, they often have to use their financial resources for day to day living.

Amending SCR 60.04 is important for several reasons. Amending SCR 60.04 would make the judicial process less intimidating for victims. Legal concepts presented in everyday language to my clients would be less confusing for them and explaining the process would likely make the individual feel more at ease. Making the judicial system less intimidating and confusing is important because most victims of domestic abuse are already intimidated by having to confront their abuser in court. Finally, victims knowing that they will be treated fairly would give them positive empowerment.

I want to thank you for considering these important changes and I ask that you support the amendments to SCR 60.04.

Sincerely,

Frances M. Price

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