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To: Interested Parties – See Attached List

Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition 13-14, Petition to amend SCR 60.04

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 13-14 filed by the Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission. The petition requests certain changes to SCR 60.04 to clarify that reasonable efforts to facilitate the ability of all litigants, including self-represented litigants, to be fairly heard are consistent with a judge's obligation to perform all judicial duties fairly and impartially. 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 and comments that have been filed to date can be found at the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>. (Comments have been received from Committee of Chief Judges, filed 9/23/13; Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, filed 10/2/13; Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners' Association, filed 10/21/13; Wisconsin Court of Appeals, filed 11/13/13; and Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, filed 11/15/13.)

Consistent with standard practice, the court has scheduled and will conduct a public hearing and an open conference on Monday, February 24, 2014, at 9:45 a.m., to discuss this matter further. The court may take any action it deems appropriate, including any of the following:

- (a) Adopt the rule proposed, or a modified version, without further comment.
- (b) Reject the rule proposed without further comment.
- (c) Circulate the rule petition for comment without a public hearing.
- (d) Schedule the rule petition for public hearing.
- (e) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.
- (f) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by February 7, 2014, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, e-mail a Microsoft Word version of your response to 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 February 17, 2014.

If you are interested in appearing in person at the public hearing please notify the Deputy Clerk for Rules by February 17, 2014, at clerk@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 me (telephone: 608-261-6642) (email: julie.rich@wicourts.gov).

Very truly yours,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich

Supreme Court Commissioner

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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
Access to Justice Commission

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
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: Patrick J. Fiedler
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: George Brown
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys
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: Robin Dalton
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Jane E. Garrott, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Attn: DeAngela Luna
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Alice Rudebusch
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Attorney John Knight
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Pam Radtke
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: David Callender
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jane Svinicki and Andy Cook
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Margaret Drees, Executive Director
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: Sandra Grady, Exec. Secretary
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Micabil Diaz Martinez
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Rosemary Elbert
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: April Southwick
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Joy Pecha
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Scott Letteney
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association, Attention: Nancy Dowling
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: Nancy Wettersten
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuench
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Amanda Rockmann, President
Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney
Steven Levine, Attorney
Shelley M. Fite, Local Attorney Manager, State Public Defender-Appellate Division

List of Additional Interested Parties – if any