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To: Interested Persons – See Attached List

Re: Rule Petition 20-09A, In re Amendment of Wis. Stat. §§ 885.50, 885.52, 885.54, 885.56, 885.58, and 885.60, Relating to the Use of Videoconferencing Technology

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 20-09A, filed on January 21, 2022, by the Honorable John P. Anderson, Chair, Planning and Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC) Videoconferencing Subcommittee. This rule petition asks the court to amend the Wisconsin statutes noted above, pertaining to the use of videoconferencing technology.

On December 11, 2020, the Honorable Randy Koschnick, Director of State Courts filed rule petition 20-09 relating to location of court and use of videoconferencing technology. The court conducted a public hearing on April 7, 2021, via videoconference. On June 1, 2021, following extensive consideration, the court returned the petition to the petitioner, without action. See S. Ct. Order 20-09, issued June 1, 2021, at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/archive/2009.htm>. In the petition now pending, the PPAC Videoconferencing Subcommittee elected to bring a subset of the proposed changes to this court for reconsideration. Therefore, this rule petition is not identical to rule petition 20-09 but it does present related proposed rule changes.

You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization potentially have an interest in this matter. A copy of the petition can be found on the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/index.htm>.

At a closed conference on February 15, 2022, the court discussed this matter and voted to solicit public written comment.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by Tuesday, April 12, 2022 with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, email a Microsoft Word version of your response to clerk@wicourts.gov. See comment guidelines at the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/process.htm>. The petitioner may file a response to the comments by Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Please note, the court may take any action on a rule petition 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) Schedule the rule petition for a public hearing.
- (d) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.
- (e) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

You might wish to consult the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/index.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 website.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact me by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, by telephone at 608-261-6642, or by email at julie.rich@wicourts.gov.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Julie Anne Rich

Supreme Court Commissioner

cc: Chief Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler
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Justice Rebecca Frank Dallet
Justice Brian Hagedorn
Justice Jill J. Karofsky
Honorable John P. Anderson
Diane Fremgen, Deputy Director of State Courts,
Office of Court Operations

List of Interested Persons for Supreme Court Rules

Badger State Sheriffs' Association, Attention: Executive Director
Board of Administrative Oversight, Attention: Lori S. Kornblum, Chair
Board of Bar Examiners
Chief Circuit Court Judges
Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney
Circuit Court Judges
Clerk of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Sheila T. Reiff
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney
Court of Appeals Judges
Court Operations: Diane M. Fremgen, Deputy Director for Court Operations
Court Operations: Ann Olson, Krista Miller, Amber Peterson, Elizabeth Barroilhet
Dean Dietrich, Attorney
Department of Administration, State Prosecutors Office, Attention: Kasey Diess, Director
Director of State Courts, Honorable Randy Koschnick
District Court Administrators
Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director
Hamilton Consulting Group, Attention: Rebecca Hogan, R.J. Pirlot, Adam Jordahl
Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: Deedee Peterson, Executive Director
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Attention: Colleen Foley, Executive Director
Marquette University Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney, Dean
Office of Lawyer Regulation, Attention: Timothy Samuelson, Director
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Kelli S. Thompson
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Jeremy C. Perri
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: Terri Surita
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Larry Martin, Executive Director
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys, Public Affairs Director
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Cheryl Furstace Daniels, President
University of Wisconsin Law School, Attention: Daniel Tokaji, Dean
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Ann Peacock
Wisconsin Asian American Bar Association, Attention: Bryant Park
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Bryan Roessler, Executive Director
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers
Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever
Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Susan Schaubel
Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Kris Cleven, Vice President-Legal
Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Regina Kolbow, Carlo Esqueda
Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Marcie Rainbolt
Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jenni Kilpatrick, Executive Director;
Andrew Hebl, President
Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Greta Mattison, Executive Director
Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: David Pruhs, Exec. Secretary
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Pamela M. Ritger
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Beth Ann Richlen, Executive Director
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke

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Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Samuel Christensen
Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Robert Kupfer
Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Attention: Beth Bennett, Executive Director
Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association
Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association, Attention: Sandy Schueller
Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: John Gelhard
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gregory Gill, Jr.
Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gwendolyn Topping, President

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