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December 8, 2011

Hon. Lisa Stark  
Eau Claire County Circuit Court  
721 Oxford Ave.  
Eau Claire, WI 54703-5481

Professor Scott Minter  
University of Wisconsin Law School  
975 Bascom Mall, Rm. 2340  
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Re: Civil Jury Instruction Committee

Dear Judge Stark and Professor Minter:

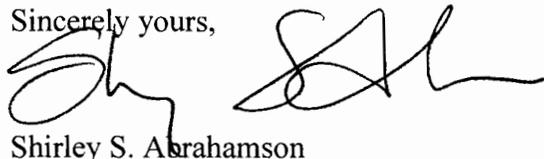
I am writing in connection with the court's consideration of the civil "Gideon" petition and at the suggestion of several justices. For more information about this petition, #10-08, see our website at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/1008.htm>.

I write to encourage the Civil Jury Instruction Committee to consider developing special materials to guide circuit court judges in the appointment of counsel for indigent litigants at government expense, in view of the circuit court's authority to appoint counsel on the basis of individualized due process considerations in a case and for the fair administration of justice, as set forth in the case law, including Joni B. v. State, 202 Wis. 2d 1, 549 N.W.2d 411 (1996), and Piper v. Popp, 167 Wis. 2d 633, 658-59, 482 N.W.2d 353 (1992).

I have discussed with David Hass using this topic for judicial education, and he will discuss this topic with the benchbook committee.

My thanks for your consideration and best wishes for a happy holiday season and good new year.

Sincerely yours,



Shirley S. Abrahamson

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