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September 27, 2024

Executive Committee of the Reserve Judge Association c/o Hon. Sarah B. O'Brien 1846 Red Fern Lane Madison, WI 53718

Via E-Mail

Re: Rule Petition 24-01, In the matter of the Amendment of SCR 32.08(2), Reserve Judge per Diem for Judicial Education

Dear Committee:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of Rule Petition 24-01. The court held a public hearing on the petition on September 24, 2024, and discussed the petition at an open administrative conference the same day. During the open administrative conference, the court voted 7-0 to grant the petition with additional language further limiting per diems and expense reimbursement for judicial education seminars to reserve judges who are actively serving or who certify that they are willing and able to take case assignments. Consistent with that discussion, the court proposes adding the following sentence to the end of the proposed revision to Supreme Court Rule 32.08(2) as submitted in the petition:

A reserve judge is entitled to the payment of a per diem and reimbursement of expenses incurred in attending judicial education programs as set forth in this paragraph only if the reserve judge has either: (a) served an assignment or specified duties under Wis. Stat. § 753.075(1)(a) or (b) within the twelve months immediately preceding the claimed per diem or reimbursement request; or (b) signed a certification indicating that the reserve judge is willing and able to serve an assignment or specified duties under Wis. Stat. § 753.075(1)(a) or (b) within the next twelve months.

Please file a response to this letter indicating whether the Committee objects to this proposed additional language or suggests alternative additional language consistent with the court's discussion of the petition. The court requests that your response be filed no later than Friday, October 11, 2024.

Your response should be filed with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. Additionally, please e-mail a Microsoft Word version of your response to <u>clerk@wicourts.gov</u>. Your response will be posted on the court's website at https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/index.htm.

If you have specific questions 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 e-mail at tim.barber@wicourts.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Supreme Court Commissioner

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