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**To: Interested Persons – See Attached List**

Via E-mail Distribution

Re: Rule Petition 24-02, Interpreters in Municipal Court Proceedings.

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 24-02, filed on May 20, 2024, by Wisconsin Justice Initiative, Inc. This rule petition asks the court to amend Wis. Stat. § 885.37 and Supreme Court Rule 63.002, and create Wis. Stat. § 885.375, to establish a right to a qualified court interpreter in municipal court proceedings for certain individuals with limited English proficiency, without regard to indigency.

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/2402.htm>.

At a closed administrative conference on September 3, 2024, the court voted to obtain written comments and schedule a public hearing at a date to be determined. 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 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.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by October 7, 2024, 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 comment to [clerk@wicourts.gov](mailto:clerk@wicourts.gov). Please see the comment guidelines at the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/process.htm>. The petitioner may file any response to the comments by October 21, 2024.

You might wish to consult the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/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 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](mailto:tim.barber@wicourts.gov).

Very truly yours,

/s/

Timothy M. Barber

Supreme Court Commissioner

cc: Chief Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler  
Justice Ann Walsh Bradley  
Justice Rebecca Grassl Bradley  
Justice Rebecca Frank Dallet  
Justice Brian K. Hagedorn  
Justice Jill J. Karofsky  
Justice Janet C. Protasiewicz  
Parker White, Wisconsin Justice Initiative, Inc.

**List of Interested Persons for Supreme Court Rules**

Badger State Sheriffs' Association, Attention: Executive Director  
Board of Administrative Oversight, Attention: Denis Donohoe, Chair  
Board of Bar Examiners  
Chief Circuit Court Judges  
Circuit Court Judges  
Clerk of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Samuel A. Christensen  
Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney  
Court of Appeals Judges  
Director of State Courts, Honorable Audrey K. Skwierawski  
Deputy Director of State Courts, Office of Court Operations: Holly Szablewski  
Court Operations: Ann Olson, Krista Miller, Amber Peterson, Trent Koerner, Meg Sternitzky  
Department of Administration, State Prosecutors Office  
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: Katie York  
Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Adam Plotkin  
Office of the Attorney General, Attention: Josh L. Kaul  
Preliminary Review Committee, Attention: Barry Boline, Chair  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Larry Martin, Executive Director  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys, Advocacy & Access to Justice Director  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Dean Dietrich, President  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Margaret Hickey, Past-President  
State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Ryan M. Billings, President-Elect  
University of Wisconsin Law School, Attention: Daniel Tokaji, Dean; Myra Sun, Exec. Asst.  
Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Winn S. Collins  
Wisconsin Asian American Bar Association, Attention: Julius Kim, President  
Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Bryan Roessler, Executive Director; Jim Rogers,  
Government Affairs 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, Stacy Kleist  
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, Deputy Family  
Court Commissioners; Lisa Krueger, Family Court Commissioner; Elizabeth Pfeuffer,  
Family Court Commissioner; Peggy Miller, Family Court Commissioner  
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Pamela M. Ritger  
Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Beth Ann Richlen, Executive Director  
Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke  
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: William C. Gleisner, III, Chair  
Wisconsin Judicial Council, Appellate Procedure Committee: Hon. Thomas M. Hruz, Chair

Wisconsin Justice Initiative, Inc., Attention: Margo Kirchner  
Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Lisa Milella  
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

**List of Additional Interested Persons**

ACLU of Wisconsin  
American Bar Association  
Centro Hispano  
Hmong American Peace Academy  
Islamic Society of Milwaukee  
JusticePoint  
League of Wisconsin Municipalities  
Milwaukee Bar Association  
Voces de la Frontera  
Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission  
Wisconsin Muslim Civic Alliance  
Wisconsin Towns Association