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Clerk of Supreme Court
Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules
P.O. Box 1688
Madison, WI 53701-1688

RE: Petition 24-05 Adjustment to Attorney Assessment for Public Interest Legal Services Funding

Dear Chief Justice Ziegler and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court:

I am writing on behalf of myself and other law students at Marquette University Law School.¹ We are writing to express our support of Petition 24-05 to increase the Public Interest Legal Services Fund (PILSF) assessment. As future lawyers and members of the Wisconsin Bar, we believe this increase represents a critical step in addressing the significant gap in access to civil legal aid for Wisconsin's low-income residents.

Some of us plan to pursue careers in public interest law, while others intend to work in private practice and support access to justice initiatives in other ways. Regardless of our career paths, we are united in our conviction that expanding access to civil legal aid is essential for the stability and dignity of our communities.

As law student volunteers in Marquette's legal clinics, we see firsthand the transformative impact of access to civil legal aid. These experiences have shown us how crucial it is to address the overwhelming demand for services. Supporting a modest increase in the PILSF assessment ensures due process for every Wisconsinite and recognizes the important role of the legal profession in closing the justice gap. As future lawyers, we are humbled to join the Wisconsin legal community in sharing this responsibility.

We respectfully urge you to adopt Petition 24-05 to increase the PILSF assessment, which would increase the provision of civil legal services to low-income Wisconsinites. The positive impact of the Petition would reach far beyond the financial value of the assessment itself. Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment on this proposed rule.

Respectively,



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¹ The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual students named in this letter and do not reflect or represent the views, policies, or positions of Marquette University or any other organization.