

PETITION FOR RULE-MAKING
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

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OF WISCONSIN

In the Matter of the Amendment
of Supreme Court Rule 13.045



For the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum in Support, the Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission, the Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund, Judicare Legal Aid, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Disability Rights Wisconsin, ABC for Health, and Centro Legal respectfully petition the Supreme Court of Wisconsin to amend Supreme Court Rule 13.045(1) to increase the annual assessment of attorneys for the Public Interest Legal Services Fund supporting direct legal services to persons of limited means in non-criminal matters, from the current \$50 to \$75 commencing on July 1, 2025, and to \$100 commencing on July 1, 2027. The Court has authority to amend SCR 13.045 under Wis. Stat. § 751.12 and article VII, section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution.

The text of the proposed amendment is set forth below.

TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SCR 13.045 Assessment of attorneys for fund; enforcement. (1) Annual assessments. Commencing with the State Bar's July 1, 2008 fiscal year, every attorney who is an active member or judicial member of the state bar shall pay to the fund an annual assessment, to be determined by the supreme court. Commencing with the State Bar's July 1, 2025 fiscal year, the assessment shall be \$50.00 ~~75.00~~. Commencing with the State Bar's July 1, 2027 fiscal year, the assessment shall be \$100.00. Emeritus members and inactive members of the state bar are excused from the annual

assessment. An attorney whose annual state bar membership dues are waived for hardship shall be excused from the payment of the annual assessment for that year. An attorney shall be excused from the payment of the annual assessment for the first fiscal year during which he or she is required to pay dues and assessments.

This petition is made pursuant to the court's administrative authority over all courts conferred by Article VII, § 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution. The Court's cover sheet for rule petitions accompanies this petition and the memorandum in support.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of July, 2024.

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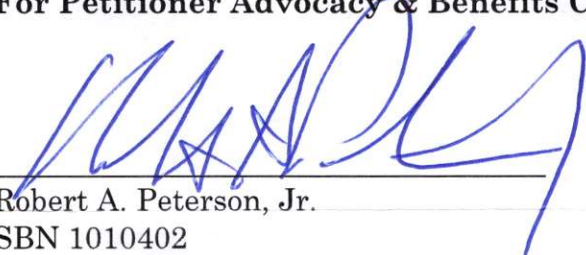
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