



Clerk of Supreme Court

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

To Whom It May Concern:

As the President and CEO of Pathfinders Milwaukee, Inc., an organization that works to prevent and end youth and family homelessness since 1970, I am writing in support of Legal Action's rule petition 22-03 filed on March 29, 2022 which asks the court to amend SCR 72.01 and 72.02 to shorten the retention period for eviction cases in which no money judgment is entered.

Pathfinders annually provides supported housing resources and services to over 100 young adults and their children and works to ensure these youth and families remain safely and stably housed throughout their time in our program. We understand the profound impact an eviction record has on housing instability and homelessness for some of the most vulnerable in our community. Through our comprehensive services and support, and in strong partnership with our network of landlords and property managers, we have been able to maintain an eviction rate of zero percent for all the young adults we serve.

We know, however, that absent the support our organization is able to provide, many others in our community carry the burden of previous eviction(s) – often for many, many years – and face housing discrimination, poor property conditions, and increased rental burdens simply for the fact that prior eviction(s) remain on their records for such a long period of time. And while we understand that landlords need to ensure their tenants are able to adhere to leasing terms and rental payments, our organization has evidenced alternative approaches via master leasing and landlord support provided by our team of Housing Specialists that helps ensure the well-being of both tenant and landlord without the need for eviction proceedings or inappropriate use of extensive eviction records and history.

I urge The Supreme Court to amend SCR 72.01 (8) and (9) and 72.02 (10) consistent with Legal Action's rule petition and am happy to provide additional comment as deemed helpful. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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