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Wisconsin Sheriff & Deputy Sheriff Association – James I. Cardinal, Executive Director  
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Re: Supreme Court Rule Petition 11-03, In the matter of repeal and recreation of SCR 70.38 - 70.39, relating to court security and facilities filed by A. John Voelker, Director of State Courts

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 11-03 to repeal and recreate SCR 70.38 - 70.39, relating to court security and facilities filed June 30, 2011, by A. John Voelker, Director of State Courts. The petition asks the court to repeal existing rules and create a new rule chapter governing circuit court security and facilities. The stated goal of this proposal is to promote communication among circuit courts, county officials, court planners, architects, and contractors concerning court facilities and security issues. The petition states that court safety and courthouse security in Wisconsin's courthouses is a top priority and the chapter is intended to assist counties and courts in making sound decisions about court facilities that serve citizens of their Wisconsin communities. A copy of the petition is attached and is available at the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/pending.htm>.

On November 7, 2011, the court met in open administrative conference and decided to schedule a public hearing on this petition at a date yet to be determined (possibly as early as January 2012). You will be notified of the hearing date once it is scheduled. In the meantime, the court asked me to write to your associations and request your written comments on this petition.

Please file your comments to the rule petition by December 15, 2011, with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Carrie Janto, Deputy Clerk, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If possible, e-mail a Microsoft Word version of your response to [carrie.janto@wicourts.gov](mailto:carrie.janto@wicourts.gov) or [clerk@wicourts.gov](mailto:clerk@wicourts.gov). See comment guidelines at the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/petitioncomment.htm>.

You might wish to consult the court's Web site at <http://wicourts.gov/scrules/supreme.htm> to follow this rule petition. Court communications on the petition and any written comments filed with the clerk's office are posted on the Web site.

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If you have specific questions regarding this request, please contact me at (608) 261-6642 or [julie.rich@wicourts.gov](mailto:julie.rich@wicourts.gov).

Yours very truly,  
/s/  
Julie Anne Rich  
Supreme Court Commissioner

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Enclosure

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Justice N. Patrick Crooks  
Justice David T. Prosser, Jr.  
Justice Patience Drake Roggensack  
Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler  
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