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Clerk of the Wisconsin Supreme Court Attn: Deputy Clerk-Rules 110 East Main Street, Suite 215 P.O. Box 1688 Madison WI 53701-1688

Re: Petition 21-03 (Location of Court)

Dear Honorable Justices,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on Petition 21-03, scheduled for public hearing on February 15, 2022.

I am the Chairperson of the Legislative Committee of the Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association. Our Committee has reviewed the petition and, on behalf of our entire Association, endorse and recommend its adoption.

The petition affords much-needed flexibility as to the manner and place in which court may be held under exigent circumstances, this need having been demonstrated during the COVID-19 pandemic. It also provides Wisconsin courts with improved guidance about the use of technology to provide opportunities for remote appearances and public access to proceedings.

Finally, it addresses an anachronism in the statutes pertaining to a second Rock County courthouse which no longer exists.

We look forward to the adoption of the provisions of this petition. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

(Electronically signed by Carlo Esqueda)

Carlo Esqueda
Dane County Clerk of Circuit Court
Chair, Legislative Committee of the Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association