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December 3, 2021

To: Interested Persons – See Attached List

Re: Rule Petition 21-03, In the Amendment of Wis. Stat. §§ 753.24, 753.26, 757.12, 757.14 and 757.70 Relating to the Location of Court

Greetings:

On August 31, 2021, the Honorable Randy Koschnick, Director of State Courts, filed a rule petition asking the court to amend the Wisconsin statutes noted above, pertaining to the location of court. This is the second rule petition filed regarding these statutes.

On December 11, 2020, the Honorable Randy Koschnick, Director of State Courts filed rule petition 20-09 relating to location of court and use of videoconferencing technology. The court conducted a public hearing on April 7, 2021, via videoconference. On June 1, 2021, following extensive consideration, the court returned the petition to the petitioner, without action. <u>See S. Ct.</u> Order 20-09, issued June 1, 2021, at *https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/archive/2009.htm*. In the petition now pending, the Director elected to bring a subset of the proposed changes to this court for reconsideration. Therefore, this rule petition is not identical to rule petition 20-09 but it does present related proposed rule changes.

You have received this letter because you or your agency or organization potentially have an interest in this matter. A copy of the petition can be found on the court's website at *https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/index.htm*.

The court voted to obtain written comments and schedule a public hearing on this new petition. The public hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Please note, the court may take any action on a rule petition it deems appropriate, including any of the following:

- (a) Adopt the rule proposed, or a modified version, without further comment.
- (b) Reject the rule proposed without further comment.
- (c) Refer the rule petition to another entity for its review and recommendation.
- (d) Request further information or analysis from the petitioner or interested persons or entities.

Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by Wednesday, January 5, 2022 with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If

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possible, email a Microsoft Word version of your response to *clerk@wicourts.gov*. *See* comment guidelines at the court's website at *https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/process.htm*. The petitioner may file a response to the comments by Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

If you wish to appear in person at the public hearing, please notify the Deputy Clerk for Rules by Monday, February 7, 2022 at *clerk@wicourts.gov*.

You might wish to consult the court's website at *https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/index.htm* to follow this rule petition or to review the filings submitted in connection with rule petition 20-09. Court communications on the petition and any written comments filed with the clerk's office will be posted on the website.

If you have specific questions or other comments regarding this matter, please contact me by mail at P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, by telephone at 608-261-6642, or by email at *julie.rich@wicourts.gov*.

Very truly yours, /s/ Julie Anne Rich Supreme Court Commissioner

 cc: Chief Justice Annette Kingsland Ziegler Justice Ann Walsh Bradley Justice Patience Drake Roggensack Justice Rebecca Grassl Bradley Justice Rebecca Frank Dallet Justice Brian Hagedorn Justice Jill J. Karofsky Honorable Randy Koschnick, Director of State Courts

List of Interested Persons for Supreme Court Rules

Badger State Sheriffs' Association, Attention: Executive Director Board of Administrative Oversight, Attention: Lori S. Kornblum, Chair Board of Bar Examiners Chief Circuit Court Judges Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney Circuit Court Judges Clerk of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, Sheila T. Reiff Court of Appeals, Attention: Chief Staff Attorney Court of Appeals Judges Court Operations: Diane M. Fremgen, Deputy Director for Court Operations Court Operations: Ann Olson, Krista Miller, Amber Peterson, Beth Barroilhet Dean Dietrich, Attorney Department of Administration, State Prosecutors Office, Attention: Kasey Diess, Director Director of State Courts, Honorable Randy Koschnick **District Court Administrators** Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, Attention: Katy Borowski, Executive Director Hamilton Consulting Group, Attention: Rebecca Hogan, R.J. Pirlot, Adam Jordahl Legal Action of Wisconsin, Attention: Deedee Peterson, Executive Director Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Attention: Colleen Foley, Executive Director Marquette University Law School, Attention: Joseph D. Kearney, Dean Office of Lawyer Regulation, Attention: Timothy Samuelson, Director Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Kelli S. Thompson Office of State Public Defender, Attention: Jeremy C. Perri Office of the Attorney General, Attention: Terri Surita State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Larry Martin, Executive Director State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Lisa Roys, Public Affairs Director State Bar of Wisconsin, Attention: Cheryl Furstace Daniels, President University of Wisconsin Law School, Attention: Daniel Tokaji, Dean Western District Bar Association of Wisconsin, Attention: Ann Peacock Wisconsin Asian American Bar Association, Attention: Bryant Park Wisconsin Association for Justice, Attention: Bryan Roessler, Executive Director Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Attention: Peter McKeever Wisconsin Association of Judicial Court Commissioners, Attention: Susan Schaubel Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: John Knight Wisconsin Bankers Association, Attention: Kris Cleven, Vice President-Legal Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association, Attention: Regina Kolbow, Carlo Esqueda Wisconsin Counties Association, Attention: Marcie Rainbolt Wisconsin Defense Counsel, Attention: Jenni Kilpatrick, Executive Director; Andrew Hebl, President Wisconsin District Attorneys Association, Attention: Greta Mattison, Executive Director Wisconsin Family Court Commissioners Association, Attention: David Pruhs, Exec. Secretary Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association, Attention: Pamela M. Ritger Wisconsin Judicare, Inc., Attention: Beth Ann Richlen, Executive Director Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke Wisconsin Judicial Council, Attention: William C. Gleisner, III, Chair Wisconsin Juvenile Court Clerks Association, Attention: Samuel Christensen Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Robert Kupfer Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Attention: Beth Bennett, Executive Director

Wisconsin Registers in Probate Association

Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association, Attention: Sandy Schueller Wisconsin State Attorneys Association, Attention: John Gelhard Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gregory Gill, Jr. Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association, Attention: Honorable Gwendolyn Topping, President

Additional List of Interested Persons

Steven Anderson, Chief of Police, on behalf of the WI Police Executive Group Christopher Botsch, Chief of Police, Village of Caledonia Nate Dreckman, Sheriff, on behalf of the Badger State Sheriffs' Association Ryan J. Milligan, Chief of Police, Village of Walworth Police Department James A. Olson, Chief of Police, Village of DeForest Aaron M. Raap, Chief of Police, City of Whitewater Timothy J. Styka, Police Chief, City of Menasha Brian A. Uhl, Chief of Public Safety, Ashwaubenon Department of Public Safety Hurley Burish, S.C. Attorney Craig R. Johnson, Sweet & Associates Attorney Chad A. Lanning, Lubar & Lanning, LLC Attorney Sarah M. Schmeiser, on behalf of the WI Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Attorney Aaron Nelson, Nelson Defense Group Attorney Kate Drury, State Public Defender Attorney Kristin Slonski, Litigation Director, WI Judicare, Inc. Jennifer Dunn, Director, Victim Witness Assistance Program Geri Segal, Executive Director, Family Support Center