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To: Interested Persons – See Attached List

Re: Rule Petition 16-05D, In re Creation of a Pilot Project for Dedicated Trial Court Judicial Dockets for Large Claim Business and Commercial Cases

Greetings:

I am assisting the Wisconsin Supreme Court with its consideration of rule petition 16-05D, filed on February 11, 2022, by Attorney Laura A. Brenner, Chair, on behalf of the Business Court Advisory Committee (Committee). This petition asks the court to extend the pilot project and the Supreme Court's review for an additional two years. In addition to requesting an extension, the Committee asks the court to revise the Interim Rule to reflect that the Chief Justice seeks local input from chief judges of the Judicial Administrative District before making an appointment under this rule.¹

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 solicit written comment. Any comment to the rule petition should be filed by April 8, 2022 with the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688. If 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 April 15, 2022.

¹ This court approved the Business Court Advisory Committee's rule petition asking the court to create the business court pilot project and the Business Court pilot project commenced effective July 1, 2017, and was initially authorized for a period of three years with a review scheduled in July 2020. S. Ct. Order 16-05, 2017 WI 33 (issued Apr. 11, 2017, eff. July 1, 2017) (approving pilot project following receipt of public comment and public hearing). The pilot project and its review was extended for an additional two years. S. Ct. Order 16-05A (issued February 12, 2020). The court added Dane County as an additional county that could hear commercial court docket cases as part of the pilot project. S. Ct. Order 16-05C (issued March 13, 2020).

Please note, the court may take any action on a rule petition it deems appropriate, including any of the following:

- (a) Grant the request and adopt the amended interim rule as proposed, or a modified version, without further comment.
- (b) Reject the request for an extension and the amended interim rule as 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.

You might wish to consult the court's website at <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/index.htm> to follow this rule petition. 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
Attorney Laura A. Brenner, Chair,
Business Court Advisory Committee
Krista Miller, Legal Advisor, Office of Court Operations

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, Elizabeth 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
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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
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Wisconsin Judicial Commission, Attention: Jeremiah VanHecke
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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

List of Additional Interested Persons

Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce, Attention: Timothy Sheehy
Wisconsin Business Alliance
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, Attention: Kurt Bauer
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce, Attention: Scott Manley
Attorney Richard G. Niess