# SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE RULES HEARINGS**
**DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**
**RULE PETITION 20-08**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

The following procedures will apply to Supreme Court public administrative rules hearings conducted while the Supreme Court Hearing Room is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. Consistent with standard administrative rules practice, each public hearing notice will be distributed as follows:

- By a publication of a copy of the order and of the petition in the official state newspaper once each week for three consecutive weeks;
- By publication in an official publication of the State Bar of Wisconsin not more than 60 days nor less than 30 days before the date of the hearing;
- By posting on the court's administrative rules website at https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/pending/2008.htm together with a copy of the petition;
- By distribution to the standard list of interested persons used by the court to seek public comment.

2. Consistent with standard administrative rules practice, the court invites written comment on the petition. Written comment may be submitted by email on or before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021 using the procedure set forth below.

3. Any interested person may, in addition to providing written comment, submit written questions to the Supreme Court regarding this

rules matter using the procedure set forth below. The Supreme Court will endeavor to address these questions during the public hearing.

4. Any interested person who wishes to provide verbal comment regarding this matter during the public hearing should so advise the Clerk of Supreme Court using the procedure set forth below.

5. Following the public hearing, the Supreme Court will convene in closed administrative conference to discuss the pending petition and will issue a written order, in due course, setting forth the Supreme Court's decision on the matter.

**Instructions for Providing Comment and Questions**

**Written Comments and Questions**. Written public comments and written questions for the Supreme Court regarding rule petition 20-08 are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021. They shall be sent by email to: clerk@wicourts.gov. The subject line shall state: "April 7, 2021, public hearing on Rule Petition 20-08." The email shall include the full name and contact information for the person submitting the comment. Comments may also be mailed to the Clerk of Supreme Court, Attention: Deputy Clerk-Rules, P.O. Box 1688, Madison, WI 53701-1688, however, email is strongly preferred. These submissions will be posted on the court's rules website. The court reserves the right to consolidate duplicative questions and to screen questions that may not be germane to this proceeding.

**Comment During the Public Hearing**. Any interested person who wishes to make a comment regarding this matter during the public hearing shall advise the Clerk of Supreme Court by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021. The request to comment shall be sent by email to:

clerk@wicourts.gov. The subject line shall state: "April 7, 2021, public hearing on Rule Petition 20-08 – **Request to Speak**." The email shall include the full name and contact information for the person submitting the comment, including the email address and/or telephone number the person will use to access the remote hearing. If any special access, visual or hearing arrangements are necessary for your (remote) appearance in court, please advise the Clerk. The Clerk will contact prospective speakers in advance of the public hearing with instructions regarding the procedures for using video/audio conferencing. Prepared comments should be limited to five (5) minutes. The court reserves the right to alter the time permitted for comment and to screen comments that may not be germane to this proceeding.