

SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

No. 20-09A

**In re Amendment of Wis. Stats. §§ 885.50,
885.52, 885.54, 885.56, 885.58, 885.60,
Relating to the Use of Videoconferencing
Technology**

FILED

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Clerk of Supreme Court
Madison, WI

On January 21, 2022, the Honorable John P. Anderson, Chair, Planning and Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC) Videoconferencing Subcommittee (Subcommittee), filed this amended rule petition asking the court to amend Wis. Stat. §§ 885.50, 885.52, 885.54, 885.56, 885.58, 885.60, relating to the Use of Videoconferencing Technology.¹ At a closed administrative conference, the court voted to solicit written comments and to ask the Subcommittee to address the effect, if any, of 2021 Wis. Act 141 on the pending petition. Letters were sent to interested persons and the Subcommittee on March 14, 2022.

¹ 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. See S. Ct. Order 20-09, issued June 1, 2021, at <https://www.wicourts.gov/sc/rulhear/DisplayDocument.pdf?content=pdf&seqNo=373049>. In the petition now pending, the Planning and Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC) Videoconferencing Subcommittee elected to bring a subset of the changes proposed in rule petition 20-09 back to this court for our consideration.

The Honorable John Anderson filed a response to the court's question on April 7, 2022. The court received comments from: Steven Roux, President, Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association; Kelli S. Thompson, State Public Defender; Sarah M. Schmeiser, Vice President, Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; and Attorneys Jonas B. Bednarek, Marcus B. Berghahn, Patrick J. Fiedler, Stephen P. Hurley, David E. Saperstein, and Catherine E. White, Hurley Burish, S.C. The Honorable John Anderson filed a response to the comments on April 25, 2022.

The court discussed the petition at a closed administrative conference on September 29, 2022, and voted to invite the Subcommittee to file an amended petition that was consistent with 2021 Wis. Act 141. The Subcommittee subsequently informed the court that it would be taking no further action on the petition. The court met again in closed administrative conference on February 21, 2023, and voted to deny the petition.

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED, that the petition is denied.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 28th day of February, 2023.

BY THE COURT:

Sheila T. Reiff
Clerk of Supreme Court

