

# Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission

## Strategic Plan 2014-2015

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### Our Vision

We support equal access to justice for all Wisconsin residents.

### Our Mission

Our mission is to develop and encourage means of expanding access to the civil justice system for unrepresented low-income Wisconsin residents.

### Our Goals

We pursue our mission by developing, supporting and promoting a statewide civil legal aid delivery system that is adequately funded, comprehensive, integrated, efficient, accessible, effective, fair and achieves just outcomes.

1. Ensure the Commission's continued operation and success through a financial and staffing plan that is supported by the Access to Justice Commission's key stakeholders. **Executive Committee**
2. Implement an online legal clinic model on a statewide basis in Wisconsin by December 31, 2014, to improve access to some legal help for more low income Wisconsin residents, especially those in areas with few lawyers or no legal clinics. **Delivery Committee**
3. Complete an economic benefits study by December 31, 2014, to strengthen the economic argument for providing greater access to civil legal services for low income residents by showing the return on investment that these services produce in Wisconsin. **Public Awareness Committee**
4. Advocate for the adoption of the judicial code amendment that the Commission proposed in Petition 13-14 to address self-represented litigants. **Courts Committee**
5. Meet with at least ten private Wisconsin foundations by June 30, 2015 to provide them with resources demonstrating how their support for civil legal services programs could help them meet their results-oriented philanthropic goals. **Resource Development Committee**
6. Pursue a change to the pro hac vice rule in Chapter 10 of the Supreme Court Rules to direct a portion of such fees to the Public Interest Legal Services Fund at the Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation. **Resource Development Committee**
7. Pursue appropriate legal changes to address the use of unclaimed funds from lawyers trust accounts and cy pres awards to support access to justice efforts in Wisconsin. **Resource Development Committee**
8. Collaborate with existing training providers and substantive experts to expand the availability of free or low cost on-demand training for volunteer lawyers on key legal topics that relate to their representation of low income Wisconsin residents. **Delivery Committee**
9. Support the adoption and implementation of the limited scope representation changes proposed in Supreme Court Petition 13-10. **Delivery Committee**
10. Support greater judicial recognition of pro bono efforts by Wisconsin lawyers. **Courts Committee**
11. Examine the current status of rules and proposals to expand the role of nonlawyer advocates in the legal system. **Delivery Committee**
12. Support efforts to create a curriculum to train tribal court advocates to assist low income individuals who have legal issues in tribal courts. **Courts & Delivery Committees**