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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE N. PATRICK CROOKS

May 11, 2015

The Hon. James D. Peterson
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
Robert W. Kastenmeier United States Courthouse
120 North Henry Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703-2559

RE: Abrahamson v. Neitzel, No. 15-CV-211-JDP

Dear Judge Peterson:

I have reviewed the affidavit of Justice Ann Walsh Bradley requesting the entry of a preliminary injunction as well as the motion of Attorney Kevin St. John opposing such an injunction. I believe, after reviewing these documents and internal correspondence, that the situation existing at the Wisconsin Supreme Court is one of uncertainty and turmoil.

If there is to be a transition of Chief Justice from Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson to Justice Patience D. Roggensack, there is a need for a transitional plan. I know that you are well aware of your authority to act based on your equitable powers. I respectfully request that you exercise such powers to set forth such a transitional plan, in order to address the chaotic situation that exists.

I appreciate this opportunity to express my sincere concerns.

My kindest personal regards,

Justice N. Patrick Crooks
Wisconsin Supreme Court

cc:

Justice Ann Walsh Bradley
Atty. Robert S. Peck
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