



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 26
[2009 Assembly Bill 123]

**Application of Sections 809.30 to
809.32, Unified Appeal Procedure**

This legislation was introduced at the request of the Judicial Council and was developed by the Judicial Council's Appellate Procedure Committee as part of a comprehensive proposal to revise Wisconsin appellate procedure.

Act 26 modifies the current unified appeal procedure in ss. 809.30 to 809.32, Stats., which generally applies when a person has a right to appointed counsel, to codify case law holding that the procedure applies to s. 971.17 criminal commitment proceedings and to reflect a current provision in ch. 980 providing that the procedure applies to appeals in sexually violent person commitment cases. The Act also cross-references the special appeal procedure in pertinent provisions in the statutes to alert practitioners of the applicable appellate rules.

Effective Date: Act 26 takes effect November 1, 2009.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.