



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
STAFF MEMORANDUM

Memo No. 1

TO: MEMBERS OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES

FROM: David Moore, Senior Staff Attorney, and Rachel E. Snyder, Staff Attorney

RE: State Bar of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission Reports on Access to Civil Legal Services

DATE: July 13, 2016

The Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Access to Civil Legal Services is directed to review, in part, the need for legal services by indigent civil litigants. Attached to this Memo are the following two reports: (1) *Bridging the Justice Gap: Wisconsin's Unmet Legal Needs* (March 2007); and (2) *The State of Equal Justice in Wisconsin* (September 2013). These reports summarize the findings of a study conducted by the State Bar of Wisconsin and a series of public hearings conducted by the Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission regarding the current provision of and the additional need for civil legal services that are accessible to indigent individuals. The reports highlight the legal issue areas that tend to generate the greatest need for legal assistance and the population subgroups that are most impacted by a lack of access to civil legal services. The reports are attached to this Memo to facilitate the Study Committee's discussion.

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Attachments