

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT WI SUPREME COURT!

WHAT IS THE WISCONSIN STATE SUPREME COURT?

- The state's highest court which is made up of seven justices.
- The final court of appeals on cases that begin in the state court system. (cases involving federal laws can be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court)
- Responsible for determining if laws violate the Wisconsin Constitution
- Establishes and enforces procedural rules and codes of conduct for Wisconsin attorneys, judges, and justices.

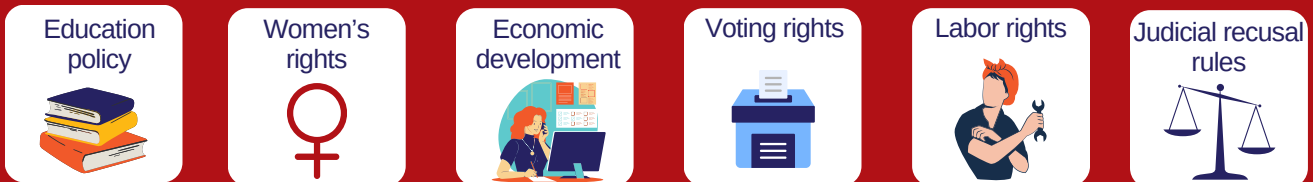


WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE JUSTICES?



- Justices are elected in nonpartisan statewide elections and serve ten-year terms. There are no term limits.
- Justices are elected in April and take office the following August.
- The justices elect one of themselves to be the chief justice (administrative head of the court system) every two years.
- The justices decide which cases to review. They do not agree to hear every case brought to them.

THE STATE SUPREME COURT TAKES ON CASES WITH ISSUES THAT IMPACT ALL WISCONSINITES. THEY RULE ON ISSUES LIKE:



Further reading: <https://www.wicourts.gov/courts/supreme/famouscases.htm>

HOW DO YOU EVALUATE JUDICIAL CANDIDATES?

Decide what you are looking for in a candidate.

- What issues are important to you?
- What qualities do you want in a leader?
- Which candidate's judicial philosophies align with your values?

Learn about the candidates.

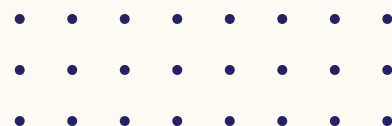
- Visit their websites, watch candidate forums and interviews, go to VOTE411.org, seek other nonpartisan sources for information.
- What are their qualifications
- What are their judicial philosophies?
- What are their judicial records?

Sort it out.

- Which candidate's judicial philosophies and views on the role of a Supreme Court Justice best match your own views
- Who seems most prepared for the job?
- Who has the leadership qualities you are looking for?



Check your voting status and get information on Wisconsin elections at 9to5.org/WIVotes



WHOEVER WE VOTE FOR THIS APRIL WILL BE RULING ON ISSUES THAT IMPACT ALL WISCONSIN RESIDENTS. ISSUES CURRENTLY BEFORE THE WI SUPREME COURT:

REPRODUCTIVE CARE

The WISDOJ is set to argue a case about the 1849 criminal abortion ban that could come before the WI Supreme Court.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The SCOWIS could decide on a number of environmental protection cases, ranging from wolves in WI to climate change.

ISSUES BEFORE THE WI SUPREME COURT

ELECTORAL MAPS

There is a continuing debate over ballot drop boxes, campaign finance laws, and more. The SCOWIS could decide on a number of electoral rules moving forward.

ELECTION RULES & FINANCE

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