

# SUPREME COURT OF WISCONSIN

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**In the Matter of the Creation of Supreme  
Court Rule 32.015 Relating to the Structure  
of the Wisconsin Judicial College**

**FILED**

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Clerk of Supreme Court  
Madison, WI

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On May 8, 2019, the Honorable Lisa K. Stark, in her capacity as Dean of the Wisconsin Judicial College, filed a rule petition asking the court to codify the faculty structure and appointment process for the Wisconsin Judicial College.

The court discussed the petition at a closed administrative rules conference on June 6, 2019. After discussion, the court concluded that codifying these procedures would provide clarity and transparency to the process, that no public comment or hearing is necessary, and the court voted to grant the petition. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that effective the date of this order:

**SECTION 1.** Supreme Court Rule 32.015 (title) is created to read as follows:

**SCR 32.015 Wisconsin Judicial College**

**SECTION 2.** Supreme Court Rule 32.015(1) is created to read as follows:

(1) The Wisconsin judicial college is an annual, one week, two-part judicial orientation and education program for Wisconsin state court judges. Newly appointed or elected circuit court judges shall attend the Wisconsin judicial college together with an associated two-and one-half-day new judge orientation that is next scheduled after the new judge's election or appointment. Thereafter, all circuit court judges are required to attend the Wisconsin judicial college at least once during every six-year term. Wisconsin court of appeals judges and supreme court justices may attend the Wisconsin judicial college, space permitting.

**SECTION 3.** Supreme Court Rule 32.015(2) is created to read as follows:

(2) The Wisconsin judicial college planning committee is a subcommittee of the judicial education committee, staffed by the office of judicial education. The Wisconsin judicial college planning committee is responsible for all aspects of planning and operating the Wisconsin judicial college. The Wisconsin judicial college planning committee shall be constituted as follows:

**SECTION 4.** Supreme Court Rule 32.015(2)(a) is created to read as follows:

(a) One dean, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court or his or her designee, for a six-year term. The dean shall chair the Wisconsin judicial college planning committee and shall have prior experience as an associate dean, so long as a current or former associate dean is willing to serve. In the event no current or former associate dean is willing to serve, the dean appointed shall have significant experience in planning and teaching judicial

education programs and meet the criteria set forth in sub. (b) below for appointment as an associate dean. The dean is eligible for reappointment, but shall not serve more than two consecutive full terms. A supreme court justice may not serve as dean.

**SECTION 5.** Supreme Court Rule 32.015(2)(b) is created to read as follows:

(b) Six associate deans, each appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court or his or her designee, for a three-year term. The Wisconsin judicial college planning committee shall make timely recommendations to the chief justice for associate dean appointments. Associate deans shall have a minimum of five years of experience on the circuit court and have completed faculty development training provided by the office of judicial education. An associate dean is eligible for reappointment, but shall not serve more than two consecutive full terms. Supreme court justices and court of appeals judges may not serve as associate deans.

**SECTION 6.** Supreme Court Rule 32.015(2)(c) is created to read as follows:

(c) The membership of the Wisconsin judicial college planning committee should reflect the gender, racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity of the state, and should include an associate dean representing each of the following:

1. Milwaukee County.
2. A one-judge county.
3. A northern Wisconsin county.
4. Central Wisconsin or the Fox River Valley.
5. Southwest Wisconsin.

6. Dane, Waukesha, Racine, Kenosha or Rock Counties.

**SECTION 7.** Supreme Court Rule 32.015(2)(d) is created to read as follows:

(d) Vacancies on the Wisconsin judicial college planning committee shall be filled by the chief justice of the supreme court or his or her designee, in the same manner as original appointments. A dean or associate dean appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the predecessor was appointed holds the position for the remainder of that term. Completion of a predecessor's unfinished term shall not be included when determining eligibility for reappointment. An appointment as dean or associate dean ends if the individual ceases to be a member of the Wisconsin judiciary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the above amendments be given by a single publication of a copy of this order in the official publications designated in SCR 80.01, including the official publishers' online databases, and on the Wisconsin court system's web site. The State Bar of Wisconsin shall provide notice of this order.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 12th day of June, 2019.

BY THE COURT:

Sheila T. Reiff  
Clerk of Supreme Court

