

Clerk of Supreme Court - Judicial Recusal Rules

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To all those in decision-making positions,

I'm a concerned citizen writing today because it has come to my attention that the state Supreme Court is accepting public comment with respect to the Wisconsin judicial system's operation under less than stringent requirements in terms of recusal rules. Because money has come to influence every facet of our governance at such alarming length these days, I would like to take this opportunity to urge the courts to reform these rules.

It is of utmost importance our courts remove the capacity for special interests to corrupt their proceedings by ensuring judges don't preside over cases involving contributors, among other things. As I am not a legal professional, I could not presume to suggest all that must be done to change the rules on recusal and safeguard our system, such as knowing how to go about preventing defensive contributions whereby parties might donate to judges who would rule against them, for example. However, it is my understanding that four and a half dozen or so retired Wisconsin judges have filed a petition with the state to do what I cannot--I'd imagine that would be a particularly good place to start.

Thank you for all you can do to ensure our judicial system is an exemplary one for its transparency and justness in a time when such have become the exception and not the rule.

Respectfully,

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