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May 5, 2016

Office of Governor Scott Walker
Attn: Chief Legal Counsel
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Subject: Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

Dear Counsel:

I write this letter in support of Brian K. Hagedorn. I understand that the Governor will have the opportunity to fill the vacancy created by Justice David T. Prosser's retirement. Brian would be the kind of justice that would follow the Rule of Law and dispense justice fairly and impartially.

I first came to know Brian through his clerking at the Wisconsin Supreme Court for the Honorable Michael J. Gableman. As Brian thereafter worked closely with the Governor as legal counsel and was subsequently appointed to the appellate bench, the Governor is well aware of Brian's strengths. He is a hard worker who is able to tackle tough issues and reach sound legal conclusions. Brian would not be an activist jurist.

Brian Hagedorn has otherwise demonstrated superior legal skills and thinking evidenced by his commendable background and experience. He has served in the public and private sector, has published writings and received awards. I have personally served with him on the Bench and Bar Committee for the State Bar of Wisconsin. He has demonstrated an ability to disagree without being disagreeable. In my view, he is in good company in this particularly strong field of applicants.

In short, Brian Hagedorn would be a welcome addition to the court. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Annette Ziegler

May 18, 2016

Daniel P. Lennington
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Governor Scott Walker
115 East Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Re: Judicial Appointment, Supreme Court of Wisconsin

Dear Governor Walker:

Given the recent announcement that Justice David Prosser will retire following the conclusion the Court's current term, you bear the considerable responsibility of appointing his successor to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin. I recommend that you appoint Judge Brian Hagedorn to this office.

Before his appointment to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, I worked closely with Judge Hagedorn in my capacity as Assistant Deputy Attorney General. As your Chief Legal Counsel, Judge Hagedorn supervised the State's most significant litigation, and greatly assisted the State in navigating complicated legal issues. During this time, Judge Hagedorn demonstrated a commitment to the rule of law and the loyal representation of his client.

Recently, Judge Hagedorn has confirmed what I have known all along: he is a superb writer, an articulate and effective communicator, and a diligent researcher. He is well-respected among his colleagues, and most importantly, he is impartial, ruling with "equal and exact justice to all men, of whatever state or persuasion, religious or political," in the words of Thomas Jefferson.

With the recent passing of Justice Scalia, we have all had a chance to reflect on the remarkable impact a single appointment can have on the direction of a court over a period of decades. Judge Hagedorn would, in my opinion, have a similar impact in Wisconsin, providing leadership and direction to other Justices, all to the benefit of the People of Wisconsin and their Constitution.

I highly recommend him for this office.

Sincerely,

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Daniel P. Lennington
Deputy Solicitor General
Wisconsin Department of Justice

REBECCA G. BRADLEY

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May 19, 2016

Office of Governor Scott Walker
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Re: Wisconsin Supreme Court Vacancy

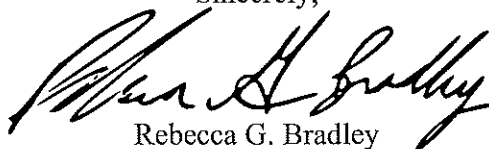
Dear Governor Walker:

Last year I had the opportunity to recommend Brian Hagedorn for appointment to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals – District II and I now recommend Judge Hagedorn for appointment to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin. Judge Hagedorn is one of the brightest constitutional law scholars in Wisconsin. He has a well-developed understanding of the proper role of the judiciary and a judicial philosophy that emphasizes adherence to a textualist interpretation of the law and judicial restraint. Judge Hagedorn unquestionably understands the duty of a judge to say what the law is and not what he may wish it to be.

Prior to taking the appellate bench, Judge Hagedorn's professional experience, including private legal practice with the largest law firm in Wisconsin and public service as an Assistant Attorney General in the Wisconsin Department of Justice, prepared him well to serve as an appellate judge. Having served on the Court of Appeals before joining the Supreme Court, I can attest to the significance of appellate judicial experience in easing the transition to service on Wisconsin's highest court. Judge Hagedorn's demonstrated love for the law, as evidenced by his involvement in organizations such as the Federalist Society, would be a tremendous asset on the Supreme Court.

Judge Hagedorn brings an exemplary work ethic to every responsibility he undertakes. He is highly intelligent, capable of analyzing complicated issues, and possesses a keen sense of logic. His command of complex legal principles is extraordinary. His ability to respectfully debate and discuss issues of law would enable him to make a significant contribution to the jurisprudence of the Supreme Court and promote collegiality among the justices. Judge Hagedorn has served the people of Wisconsin with distinction. He also demonstrates the highest moral character and an affable demeanor well suited to service as a jurist. I highly recommend Judge Hagedorn for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca G. Bradley", with a stylized, cursive script.

Rebecca G. Bradley



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May 23, 2016

Dear Governor Walker:

I am writing to provide my whole-hearted recommendation for Brian Hagedorn as a Wisconsin Supreme Court justice applicant. Quite literally, I do not know anybody else whom I would rather see in that position. He has a great legal mind, great conservative ideals, and a great heart.

I first met Brian when we were both clerking for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Michael J. Gableman, during the 2009-2010 Term. I had just graduated law school. Brian had clerked for the Justice the year before, and did an excellent job introducing me to my role and responsibilities.

Brian also was instrumental in the personal development of my legal and jurisprudential philosophies. Over that year, we worked closely together, spending countless hours discussing the cases the court was considering – sometimes just the two of us, sometimes with Justice Gableman, other clerks, or other Justices. Beyond that, we talked about philosophies behind the law, practical considerations of legislatures who wrote the laws, the driving forces behind the language of our Constitution, assumptions that were underlying our arguments, and many other topics. It was a year that profoundly affected the way I thought about the law.

Brian and I became more than colleagues, building a friendship that continues to this day. By nature, I tend to be solitary and introverted, and have few close friends, but I consider myself blessed and honored to call Brian my friend. He is somebody I've trusted to turn to for advice on multiple occasions. I've been thrilled to watch him grow professionally over the past seven years through roles of increasing responsibility and influence.

The careful consideration Brian puts toward legal problems has always impressed me. He has never been one to rush to judgment, and excels at considering the best argument that every side has to offer. Brian also has great respect for the rule of law; I've seen him practicing the foundational principles of the Federalist Society – that the state exists to preserve freedom, that the separation of powers is central to the Constitution, and that it is emphatically the province of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be.

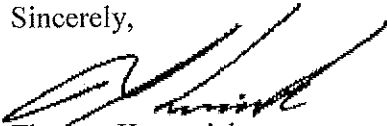
Brian would be an excellent addition to the Supreme Court bench. Justices are expected to carefully consider and critique the decisions of other judges, which is not an easy task. But Brian has the intellectual insights and attitude to do that, and do it well.

I feel I would be remiss if I did not share what I think to be one of Brian's most important strengths – his great heart. I have met few people who have the depth of compassion for their fellow men than Brian. Brian and his whole family are simply wonderful people who have

opened their hearts to the world in Christian love. While I cannot tie that trait directly to any specific responsibilities of an appellate jurist, I feel it is invaluable (and often in short supply) in our public servants. I trust Brian to keep foremost in his mind that his work is done for the people of this state.

I can recommend him without the slightest qualm or hesitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Kamenick', written over a horizontal line.

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GOV Judicial Appointments

From: Joseph Martinez <pastorjoe@harvestcommunity.org>
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2016 3:04 PM
To: GOV Judicial Appointments
Subject: Recommendation for Judge Brian Hagedorn

Dear Judicial Appointment Committee,

The purpose of this letter is to provide a recommendation for Judge Brian Hagedorn as he is considered for appointment to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin.

Brian and I have known each other for 19 years. We first met in college and developed a strong friendship as roommates. We even served each other as "Best Man" in our respective weddings. Our families have remained close to this day.

Brian is a person of remarkable integrity. I have seen him consistently fulfill his numerous responsibilities according to the highest ethical standards. He has an exceptional work ethic and can be entrusted with the greatest of duties.

Brian is a compassionate intellectual. He is an analytical giant skilled at understanding and debating complex situations. Yet he conducts himself with honor and treats others with the utmost respect even when intense disagreements arise. Brian has the intellectual gravitas to properly interpret the Constitution, while showing care and compassion to all people throughout the great state of Wisconsin.

Brian is consistently principled. He has proven over time that he faithfully defends and applies the rule of law. He is not easily swayed by his personal emotions and he does not quickly acquiesce to the changing whims of public opinion. Brian has the courage and the strength of conviction that enables him to stand firm on principles even in the face of powerful opposition.

Without reservation I wholeheartedly and enthusiastically recommend the appointment of Judge Brian Hagedorn to serve on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

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May 26, 2016

VIA E-MAIL

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Office of Governor Scott Walker
115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Re: Judge Brian Hagedorn's Application for Wisconsin Supreme Court

Dear Governor Walker:

I am writing to offer my strong endorsement of Judge Brian Hagedorn's candidacy to fill the vacancy on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. A good appellate judge must possess intelligence, diligence, an even-keeled temperament, wisdom, commitment to scholarship, and a sharp pen. These are all traits that I have associated with Judge Hagedorn since we met six years ago when I was a third-year law student interning for Justice Michael Gableman and Judge Hagedorn was serving as the Justice's law clerk. During my semester-long internship, Brian took it upon himself to offer tutelage and guidance that went above and beyond what was expected. The lessons I learned from him on how to approach legal issues proved invaluable during my own clerkships (including one with Justice Gableman) and into my career in private practice.

As a practicing attorney, I understand how important it is to have predictability and stability in the law. It is therefore essential that judges have a proper understanding of their role in our constitutional system. To that end, at home in my office sits a portrait of Alexander Hamilton. I chose Hamilton as inspiration for many reasons, chief among them was his observation in Federalist No. 78 that "[t]he courts must declare the sense of the law; and if they should be disposed to exercise WILL instead of JUDGMENT, the consequence would equally be the substitution of their pleasure to that of the legislative body." The people of Wisconsin would never have to fear a violation of Hamilton's edict from a Justice Hagedorn.

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I am proud to count Judge Hagedorn as both a mentor and a friend, and I have every confidence that he would further excel on our state supreme court.

Sincerely,

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Matthew M. Fernholz

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May 27, 2016

Re: Brian Hagedorn Supreme Court Justice Appointment Reference

It has been a privilege to know Brian Hagedorn for over 10 years. During this time, our families have become close as a result of shared values and experiences. We first met at Crossway Community Church in Bristol, Wisconsin.

My husband Steve and I own and manage Frontida, Inc., which operates eight assisted living homes in Southeastern Wisconsin. We are a mid-size Wisconsin owned business and we employ approximately 150 employees.

I am fully confident in not only Brian's competence but also his absolute commitment to the rule of law. Without reservation, I know that when Brian has a difficult decision to make, he will base his decision on the law and will bring it to bear with principles rooted deep within his character, never bowing to public or private pressure. He is a well-educated and accomplished attorney and judge who loves the law. His character and enthusiasm is greater than anyone else I know and it is evident in his dedication for completing excellent work.

I know that Brian has proved himself a worthy asset to Governor Walker during his time working as the Governor's Chief Legal Counsel and in the months that he has served in the Court of Appeals. As an outsider looking in, it was impossible not to admire Brian and the devotion with which he carried out his responsibilities during the tumultuous time surrounding Act 10. There were many days when his family feared for his wellbeing, but Brian never faltered. In our eyes, he is a true hero in his support of our Governor and conservative ideals in Wisconsin.

It has been a joy to know Brian and see that he lives his life with the highest integrity. This integrity is noted at work, but is also evident in his personal space, with his wife, children and friends. Brian finds great joy in serving others.

It is an honor to recommend Brian Hagedorn for a Supreme Court Justice appointment. If you have any questions for me, I welcome your call or email. My number is 262.308.3839; my email is crystal@frontidacare.com.

Sincerely,


Crystal J. Miller
President

FRONTIDA φροντίδα = care, nurture



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May 31, 2016

Governor Scott Walker
Office of Governor Scott Walker
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Subject: Letter of recommendation for Judge Brian Hagedorn

Dear Governor Walker:

I highly recommend Judge Brian Hagedorn to fill the seat of retiring Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Prosser. Judge Hagedorn not only has the necessary experience to be a great Justice, but is a person of high moral and ethical standards. Judge Hagedorn also has the right temperament to be on the Court, and would be a welcome calming influence there.

Over the years, I've had the chance to interact with Judge Hagedorn on a professional and personal level as a shareholder at Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek, S.C., and more recently as a shareholder at Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman, P.C., the largest healthcare law firm in the United States. I've known Judge Hagedorn for his entire professional career and really can't think of a better person to serve on the Court.

With Kind Regards,

HALL, RENDER, KILLIAN, HEATH & LYMAN, P.C.

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Mark T. Garsombke

MTG:dsr



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June 1, 2016

Governor Scott Walker
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

RE: Supreme Court Judicial Application of Brian Hagedorn

Dear Governor Walker:

Please accept this letter in support of Brian Hagedorn's application for State Supreme Court Justice. I have known Brian for many years in various contexts and as you are surely aware from his work with you, that he is not only a principled and moral individual but someone who lives out his principles each day and does not cut corners. This quality defines him not only as a person but as a lawyer and a judge. I have recently read some of the opinions he has written from the Court of Appeals and he continues to uphold those principles in his decision making.

I was privileged to be at Brian's investiture for the Court of Appeals and heard him plainly and succinctly state the principles and necessity of a limited judiciary. Recently, activist judges have supplanted the will of the people for their own judgment. This is the definition of tyranny, one person or court taking all the power. Brian's intelligence, dedication to public service and a judiciary that is limited to the law, is what makes him an excellent candidate for our Supreme Court.

Thank you for your continued public service to our State and for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Hon. Jason A. Rossell

GOV Judicial Appointments

From: Dan Voelker <danvoelker@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2016 4:36 PM
To: GOV Judicial Appointments
Subject: Recommendation for Brian Hagedorn

Governor Scott Walker,

I would like to recommend Brian Hagedorn for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I have had the privilege of knowing Brian for over 15 years. Through that entire time he continues to impress me by his wisdom, his passion, and his integrity.

We have had countless discussions through the years about family, religion, politics, education, sports, food, and anything else that you could think of. No matter the topic, Brian has shown wisdom, seeking to understand the issues, offering advice when he has insight (which is often), yet being humble and seeking knowledge when others have it to offer.

When he was applying to law school, I distinctly recall Brian talk about his passion for the law, which has continued through his work over the years. In a world where people commonly change their stance based on public opinion, Brian has remained consistent in what he believes in, passionately seeking to promote the rule of law.

Above everything else, it is Brian's integrity that stands out. There is a quote from Warren Buffet that I often return to when I interview people in my own organization:

Somebody once said that in looking for people to hire, you look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence, and energy. And if you don't have the first, the other two will kill you. You think about it; it's true. If you hire somebody without [integrity], you really want them to be dumb and lazy.

Sadly the world is full of people who are motivated to promote themselves, but people of true integrity are hard to find. I can say without question that Brian is a person of true integrity.

I hope you will make the wise choice of selecting Brian Hagedorn for the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Sincerely,
Dan Voelker

Adam J. White
1399 New York Ave. NW, Suite 500
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June 3, 2016

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BY EMAIL and U.S. MAIL

Gov. Scott Walker
Office of the Governor
Madison, WI 53702

Re: Judge Brian Hagedorn for the Wisconsin Supreme Court

Dear Governor Walker,

For all of your many accomplishments as Governor, your appointments to the State Supreme Court will be among your most important and longest-lasting legacies. Given their importance, I urge you to appoint Judge Brian Hagedorn to fill the seat of Justice Prosser.

I am a constitutional scholar in Washington, D.C., and have spent more than a decade litigating constitutional issues in the U.S. Supreme Court, federal courts of appeals, and state courts. In that work, I have been fortunate to meet, debate, and occasionally collaborate with a number of State Attorneys General, Solicitors General, and Counsel to Governors. And of all of the great lawyers whom I've had the privilege to meet, Judge Hagedorn is clearly one of the most impressive.

First and foremost, I am impressed by his dedication to constitutional principle. He understands the importance of judicial restraint, and the judge's duty to apply Constitutions and laws as they were originally written and understood, not as the judge might personally wish them to have been written.

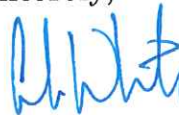
Second, I have been impressed by the quality of his judgment. When Alexander Hamilton wrote of judges who would exercise "neither force nor will, but merely judgment," he highlighted the need for judges to demonstrate not just intelligence but also prudence. Judge Hagedorn has exemplified this in his own legal practice—as you surely witnessed firsthand during his service in the Governor's Office. Unlike many lawyers who too often race to seize upon abstract, impractical answers, he understands that legal decisions have immense consequences for people, and thus he is patient and deliberate in making decisions.

Third, I have been *profoundly* impressed by the quality of his character. He and his wife, Christina, are raising and schooling their family in a manner that inspires his friends and colleagues. They improve their community not just through his work, and civic life, but also by living their shared life as an example to emulate.

As I said at the outset, your judicial appointments will be among your most important legacies. President (and Governor) Reagan stressed this in his own memoir, *An American Life*: "Even though you couldn't always be certain how the judges you appointed would act once they put on the black robes," Reagan wrote, "I intended to do my best to choose the most responsible and politically neutral jurists I could find. . . . The only litmus test I wanted, I said, was the assurance of a judge's honesty and judicial integrity. As in California, I wanted judges who would interpret the Constitution, not try to rewrite it."

I hope you will follow President Reagan's example in your own judicial appointments. To that end, I urge you to appoint Judge Hagedorn to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, where he would vindicate the rule of law for years to come.

Sincerely,



Adam J. White
Washington, D.C.

Research Fellow
The Hoover Institution

Of Counsel
Boyden Gray & Associates

June 6, 2016

To: Judicial Selection Advisory Committee
From: Elsa C. Lamelas

Re: Brian K. Hagedorn

Dear members of the Judicial Selection Advisory Committee:

I write in support of Brian Hagedorn's application to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

I met Mr. Hagedorn three years ago in connection with my application to the Government Accountability Board (GAB). Brian was then legal counsel to Governor Scott Walker, and an interview with him was part of the preliminary process. From the first moment, I realized that Brian was genuinely interested in the law and its interpretation. Our interview quickly became an enjoyable conversation. I sensed that Brian was not looking for the "right" answer, or for particular code words, but rather for the thinking behind my answers. His inclination to listen attentively, to probe thoughtfully, and to think cleanly were evident from that first meeting.

Wisconsin campaign finance statutes were then in conflict with federal law, and the controversies of the recall elections were in the past, so I had applied to the GAB imagining that service on the GAB would involve working constructively on campaign finance statutory reform. I knew nothing of the GAB's involvement in an investigation that would complicate and pose a certain delicacy to the relationship between Mr. Hagedorn and the GAB.

The complexities of the situation provided me with other and enhanced opportunities to observe Brian during sensitive interactions with the GAB. At times, these involved closed proceedings and confidential matters. I never failed to be impressed with how Mr. Hagedorn discharged his duties as counsel, presenting with skill and maturity. I noted then how well and thoroughly he grasped and addressed concerns that animated opposing views. That dedication and thoughtful willingness to set forth the reasons behind his conclusions are key to a good judge, and will serve him well on the bench.

Of course, one expects that judges at all levels do not merely decide, but that in doing so they exercise judgment and interpret the law reasonably and with clarity. The ability to address and discuss competing legal arguments persuasively is particularly critical to a precedential court; its opinions will naturally be turned to and scrutinized. In a very real sense, the legitimacy of the decision rests on its respect for the constraints and demands of the Constitution, separation of powers, and discipline -- a higher court must limit itself to facts of record. I believe that Mr. Hagedorn is committed to these principles, and that his habits of thought will result in sound decisions.

Before closing, I should state that I am not alone in my high opinion of Mr. Hagedorn. He was universally regarded by GAB staff and board members as able, honest, and adhering to the highest ethical standards. It is a lot to be able to say, given the nature of the work during those years, the lawsuits and controversies, and at times, the disagreement with positions that Mr. Hagedorn advanced, that there was such agreement about the quality of his work and his word. Stated plainly, Brian fulfilled his role with professionalism and integrity, and this earned him the respect of others.

At a personal level, I have found Brian direct, engaging and disarming. I have an easy time telling him what I think, and I suspect that others feel the same way. He responds to differences of opinion with intelligence, and equally important, with grace.

Finally, I believe Mr. Hagedorn's ready smile, sense of humor, and patient ways will advance our interest in a collegial court.

In sum, Brian is uniquely suited to service on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Very truly yours,

Elsa C. Lamelas

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June 6, 2016

The Honorable, Scott Walker
Governor, State of Wisconsin
115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53701

Dear Governor Walker,

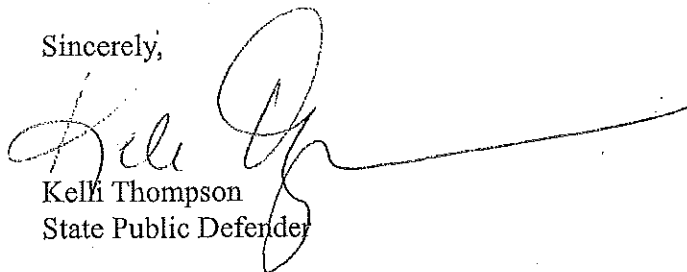
I am writing in reference to the application of Judge Brian Hagedorn for a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

In his previous role as Legal Counsel in the Office of the Governor, the State Public Defender (SPD) worked with Judge Hagedorn on policy and fiscal issues related to the SPD and the criminal justice system. Judge Hagedorn was thoughtful in his consideration of the issues and supportive of several agency and Governor initiatives to the benefit of SPD clients, the agency and, most importantly, the taxpayers.

Understanding the role of defense counsel and the constitutional right to counsel for indigent defendants is important for any jurist but vital for a Justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Judge Hagedorn has demonstrated that he understands that vital role.

Thank you for your consideration of Judge Hagedorn's application for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Kelli Thompson
State Public Defender

June 7, 2016

Office of Governor Scott Walker
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Members of the Selection Committee for the appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court,

I am writing in support of Brian Hagerdorn's application for appointment to the Wisconsin State Supreme Court.

All of the applicants who have submitted their application for the opening are indeed qualified and would serve the state well.

Brian is someone who I have known professionally for many years both in my previous employment and in my current position as the Executive Director of Wisconsin Right to Life.

His varied background working as an attorney and serving in state government, as well as his service on the bench, are all important assets he would bring to this position.

Brian is also very aware of the fact that a jurist's position is not to create law, but to interpret law. This is the most important role of a Supreme Court Justice, even when he or she may not agree with the law as written. He understands that it would not be his job to legislate from the bench and re-write the laws of the state.

I know that as you consider applicants, you are aware of the impact the next Justice will have on our state for potentially decades to come. I highly support Brian Hagerdorn in his application and the appointment to fill the vacancy.

Regards,

Heather Weininger
Executive Director, Wisconsin Right to Life



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June 8, 2016

Governor Scott Walker
Office of Governor
115 East Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Re: Recommendation of Judge Hagedorn for Supreme Court Vacancy

Dear Governor Walker:

It is an honor to offer to you my highest and most sincere recommendation of Wisconsin Court of Appeals Judge Brian Hagedorn for the vacancy on the Wisconsin State Supreme Court. Judge Hagedorn's professional and personal attributes would provide the court and the people of the State of Wisconsin with a jurist of the highest integrity and character who is equipped with a deep and abiding understanding of the sanctity of the law, its application, and its boundaries. He inspires confidence both as a legal scholar and independent critical thinker. He is passionate about the law and public service and is held in the highest regard by his peers and colleagues. His practical, substantive, and constructive approach to complex legal issues is refreshing and sorely needed in what has often become a much too partisan and politically-charged environment, often blurring the lines between politics and the law.

Judge Hagedorn has the depth and breadth of high-level, hands-on experience in the law in both the public and private sectors. That has allowed him to acquire a unique perspective that would be an invaluable asset to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin as he performs his duties. Based on his experience, he has not only acquired and internalized a very deep and abiding respect for the law, but the heart of a servant, in this case a public servant.

Judge Hagedorn possesses the attributes that are foundational for serving as a jurist on Wisconsin's highest court. He is a person of faith and is passionate regarding public service. He approaches his current role on the bench not as a self-seeking advocate enamored of title and prestige, but as a humble servant with deep humility for the position. He has respect for those who may be impacted by his decisions. He truly seeks to arrive at a positive outcome, within the parameters of the law. It is not about position or title for Judge Hagedorn. Instead it is about his

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passion to serve, contribute and influence matters in a thoughtful and ethical manner. These core values shape who he is and how he would approach his role.

Finally, and perhaps one of the most impressive aspects regarding Judge Hagedorn is that married with four children, he and wife decided that a fifth child, born under very difficult circumstances, also needed a special place to be loved and nurtured, and that place is the Hagedorn household. That selfless act perhaps defines who Brian Hagedorn is more than all of the words that I could fit on this page.

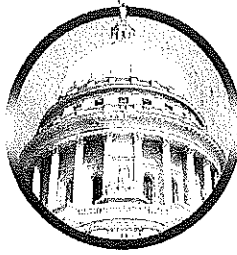
Our society is in desperate need of accomplished individuals to serve at the highest level in their field of expertise, as well as those who demonstrate compassion for others. Judge Hagedorn's professional and family life reveal a person who possesses the core values of both an accomplished and a compassionate person. It is an opportunity that will benefit so many when an individual who possesses all of these personal and professional qualities can be granted a position of great responsibility. I would most respectfully suggest that an intersection of person, Judge Hagedorn, and position, Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice, has occurred, that if married would be to the benefit of Wisconsin for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration of Judge Hagedorn, who I respectfully offer my highest recommendation for the position of Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice.

Sincerely,

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Michael S. Rogowski



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June 8, 2016

Governor Scott Walker
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Madison WI 53707

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Brian Hagedorn, applicant for appointment to Wisconsin Supreme Court

Dear Governor Walker:

It is my privilege to recommend to you Brian Hagedorn to fill the vacancy on the Wisconsin Supreme Court that will be created upon the retirement of Justice David Prosser.

I have known Brian since about 2006, shortly after he graduated from law school. I believe he has the characteristics that would make him an excellent choice for this judicial position. He is a man of integrity, is honest, fair, and keeps his word. I also appreciate very much his dedication to his wife and children, reflecting his ability to appropriately prioritize.

In all situations where I have interacted with Brian regarding legal matters, I have found him to be extremely competent. On several occasions we have had reason to discuss judicial philosophy. I was pleased to find that judicially he is an "originalist" and believes strongly that the role of the judiciary is not to make the law but to properly interpret and apply the law. I am confident that belief would characterize his work as a justice on our state's Supreme Court.

Certainly Brian's strong legal education, as well as the breadth of his experiences within the legal and judicial fields over these years, would serve him well as a Supreme Court justice. In addition, his calm and personable personality make Brian well suited for this judicial position. While he will stand firm on principle and the law, his genial demeanor will enable him to work collaboratively and collegially with his peers.

In summary, I believe Brian Hagedorn would make a very fine Wisconsin Supreme Court justice. He exemplifies in his character, his educational and legal/judicial background/experience and his disposition what we need in our justices.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,


Julaine K. Appling
President

GOV Judicial Appointments

From: Adam's Gmail <adamstubbs78@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 2:37 PM
To: GOV Judicial Appointments
Subject: Brian Hagedorn- recommendation

Dear Governor Walker,

I have had the privilege of knowing Brian Hagedorn for 18 years. The character qualities you know he exhibits on a daily basis have been there the whole time. He is consistent in the way he treats people and truly wants what is best for all involved.

He is fair and just, which would make him the best choice for the Supreme Court.

I attended his investiture and heard the words from all who spoke highly of what he has accomplished, including yourself, Governor Walker. Thank you for taking the time to be involved in the ceremony and for speaking so highly of Brian. Knowing him on a more personal level reaffirmed in my mind what was said of him by you and his colleagues. He seems to stand out from the rest of the field, which makes him such a special person. These kinds of people don't come around too often, so your decision to choose him at this point in time for the position of Supreme Court will be far more significant than any of us could imagine. What a great impact he will have for Wisconsin!

I truly appreciate your time considering Brian and giving him the opportunity to serve the great state of Wisconsin in this way.

Sincerely,
Adam W. Stubbs

June 10, 2016

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Brian Hagedorn to strongly recommend his appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Brian is one of the best students I have ever had, and I think he would be an absolutely superb Wisconsin Supreme Court justice.

I met Brian when he enrolled in a Comparative Constitutional Law class, which I taught at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and as a result of his service as President of the Federalist Society Chapter at the law school for which I am the faculty advisor. Brian spoke up frequently and eloquently during our class discussion, and I remember being very impressed with his intelligence, his articulateness, his firm moral conviction, and his courage in standing up for what he believed in when all the other students in the room disagreed with him. Brian wrote a superb paper and final exam for my course and earned a top grade. I would rank Brian as being in the top 5% academically of all the students I have taught in twenty-five years of law teaching. He is quite simply a superstar!

I also interacted with Brian significantly as a result of the fact that he was President of the Federalist Society Chapter at Northwestern to which I was the faculty advisor. Brian excelled in this post arranging numerous debates and speech and attracting many new members. I would rank him in the top 5% of the 26 Federalist Society chapter presidents who have worked with since starting at Northwestern Law in the Fall of 1990. Brian is fiercely committed to the rule of law and believes, as I do that the role of a judge is to interpret the law, and not to make it. If Brian is appointed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, I will see to it that his name goes on the list of preferred nominees to the U.S. Supreme court that the conservative legal community maintains in Washington, DC.

I cannot tell you how much I hope you appoint Brian to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. He would be a stellar justice in every respect!

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you have any questions about Brian, please do not hesitate to call me at: 401-441-7840 or to e-mail me at: s-calabresi@law.northwestern.edu.

Sincerely,

Steven G. Calabresi

Clayton J. and Henry R. Barber Professor, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
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MICHELLE ACKERMAN HAVAS



June 8, 2016

Office of Governor Scott Walker
Attention: Chief Legal Counsel
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Madison, WI 53702

Re: Recommendation for Brian Hagedorn

Dear Governor Walker:

I am writing to recommend Brian Hagedorn for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. While it is likely that my comments will not be a surprise to you, I wanted to send them nonetheless.

I had the opportunity to meet Brian when I was applying for appointment to the Milwaukee Circuit Court. Our paths have crossed on many occasions since we were both appointed, including time spent together at the Judicial College in September, 2015. Through those interactions, I have come to appreciate Brian on a professional and personal level. Professionally, he demonstrates legal acumen that is outstanding. He is deeply committed to the rule of law and is willing to defend his point of view while maintaining civility and ensuring he understand opposing perspectives.

Personally, I have been impressed and touched by his commitment to his family and friends. He has been kind and helpful to me as I faced a difficult and ultimately unsuccessful campaign. His overtures of support and friendship touched me deeply and demonstrated a level of compassion that I believe would serve him well as a Supreme Court Justice.

It is for all of these reasons that I believe Brian would be a wise appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. If I may be of any further assistance or provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Ackerman Havas", written in a cursive style.

Michelle Ackerman Havas



June 10, 2016

To Whom it May Concern:

I highly recommend Brian Hagedorn as a candidate for judgeship in the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I have worked extensively with Brian since the year 2010 through his service and leadership at The Vine Church, an Evangelical Free Church in Madison, Wisconsin. Shortly after his family began attending he became a member of the church and served in numerous ways. Some of the areas in which he served include teaching in our Next Generation ministry to children and families, facilitating the liturgical elements within our worship services, and leading one of our small groups of ten to twenty adults that meets in his home during the week.

Brian has excellent communication skills. In addition, he is well organized and extremely hard working. He is also committed to upholding ethical standards that are consistent with his beliefs and he graciously applies those standards both as an individual and within his family. Brian has always expressed great care towards others within the church and is known as a leader who loves and cares for people while also encouraging them to live in a way that is consistent with their Christian faith and ideals.

Brian will be a tremendous asset to the judicial system within the state of Wisconsin. If you have any further questions regarding his background or qualifications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Sterner".

Scott Sterner

Pastor

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June 16, 2016

VIA EMAIL

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**RE: Letter of Recommendation for Appointment to Wisconsin Supreme Court-
Judge Brian Hagedorn**

Dear Governor Walker:

I am writing to offer my support for Judge Brian Hagedorn's appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Brian and I clerked together at the Wisconsin Supreme Court during the 2009-2010 term. As law clerks, Brian and I had the privilege of working alongside the Honorable David T. Prosser. Though Justice Prosser's retirement is well deserved, I am sorry to see him go. He is a brilliant jurist, with a meticulous approach to the law, and the Court is better with him on the bench. Though your task of appointing his successor is a tall one, I sincerely believe that Brian is the best choice.

As law clerk to the Honorable Michael J. Gableman, Brian applied the Wisconsin and United States Constitutions faithfully. He understood and took care to maintain the proper role of the judiciary in relation to the legislature. He interpreted and applied the state and federal statutes as written, even if it meant disagreeing with the end result. I have no doubt that Brian pays the law the very same respect as a court of appeals judge and will continue to do so as a justice.

Brian is also a careful researcher and a very skilled legal writer. These qualities are far too rare. As practitioners, we all hope for judges who will simply do their jobs and do them well. Brian will exceed our expectations.

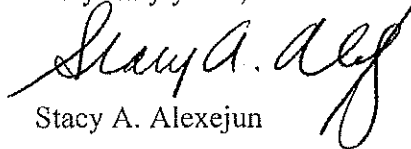
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Finally, as a former law clerk, Brian has a unique insight into the Court that few attorneys experience. He understands how the justices work—individually, collectively as seven, and as an institution. I am confident that Brian will work well with the other justices and will take care to respect all of their opinions. More importantly, I trust that Brian is fitting of Justice Prosser's important request: for you to select a successor "who is fully committed to the important mission of the judiciary. Such a person will understand that promoting the reputation and integrity of the institution is more important than the promotion of any individual."

If you have any questions or require any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacy A. Alexejun". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "S" and "A".

Stacy A. Alexejun

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GOV Judicial Appointments

From: Randy Melchert <rmelchert@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 4:46 PM
To: GOV Judicial Appointments
Subject: Recommendation for Brian Hagedorn

Dear Governor and Staff,

I am writing to recommend Brian Hagedorn for the vacancy for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Brian is a thorough and competent jurist, and would be a great addition to the high bench. Thank you for your consideration.

-Randy Melchert, J.D.