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May 3, 2016

Governor Scott Walker
PO Box 7863
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Re: Letter of Recommendation for Randy Koschnick, applicant for appointment to Wisconsin Supreme Court

Dear Governor Walker:

It is my distinct honor to recommend to you Randy Koschnick for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Randy has the necessary legal experience for the position. His service since 1999 as a circuit court judge in Jefferson County and his appointment in 2012 (and continuing) as Chief Judge for Wisconsin's Third Judicial Administrative District are proof of that.

More important than experience is the character of a judicial candidate. I have known Randy and his family for at least a dozen years. In that time I have found him to be nothing other than honest, trustworthy and principled in his dealings. I believe those are characteristics that serve all Wisconsin citizens well.

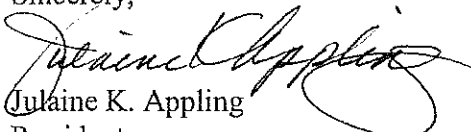
My path first crossed Randy's when he, his wife and daughters came to our church for a special service in which we honored public servants. From that first meeting, I learned that Randy Koschnick is not just a "family man" in word, but in reality. His first devotion is to God, followed by his family. These "devotions" indicate balance and proper priorities, characteristics that should be important for any jurist, including a justice on our high court.

I believe Randy's devotion to the "rule of law" is also noteworthy. He joins the august ranks of those such as the late Antonin Scalia who are originalists and strict constructionists when it comes to the Constitution. His resulting judicial philosophy supports the constitutional requirement of the separation of powers in which the judicial branch does not usurp the role of the legislative branch and make law. He's had ample opportunity as a Circuit Court judge for people to assess whether his words match his actions. As resident of Jefferson County, I can unequivocally say I believe his actions match his words. "Judicial restraint" aptly characterizes Randy Koschnick.

Finally, Randy's demeanor is appropriate for a Supreme Court justice. While he is strong in his principles, deliberate in his legal analysis and astute in his judgments, he is also very able to work collaboratively and collegially. He's willing to give thoughtful opinions and suggestions but is not a "my-way-or-else" person.

Randy Koschnick would make an excellent addition to the Wisconsin Supreme Court; and, I believe, would serve with distinction. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,


Julaine K. Appling
President

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

April 30, 2016

Subject: Wisconsin Supreme Court Judicial Appointment

Dear Counsel:

I write this letter of support for Randy Koschnick regarding what will be a vacant judicial position on the Wisconsin Supreme Court because of David T Prosser's decision to retire.

Randy is a community leader and has demonstrated a strong and long lasting commitment to public service. Randy has an undeniably strong connection with the State of Wisconsin as he has served as a public defender and circuit court judge. He has not coasted as a trial court judge but instead has risen in the ranks. Randy has distinguished himself as a Chief Judge for his district and is admired by his colleagues for being innovative and sensible. He is also a faithful, family man.

Randy has earned a reputation of being firm but fair. As a supreme court jurist, I have no doubt that Randy would be more than capable of handling the complexity of the cases and dispensing justice while remaining true to the rule of law. He would not legislate from the bench.

I believe that Randy would be well suited for such an appellate position because he is used to making tough decisions on the front lines of justice. Randy's career has tempered him to be in that position of public trust and confidence. Some days, wearing the robe is particularly heavy. Randy has the broad shoulders necessary to carry out the responsibility of being an appellate jurist.

In short, please accept my respectful recommendation of Randy Koschnick. I believe that, should the Governor choose to appoint Randy, the Governor would find himself pleased with his choice in the years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Annette Ziegler

Honorable Scott Walker

May 4, 2016

Governor

State of Wisconsin

Re: Appointment of Judge Randy Koschnick to the Wisconsin Supreme Court

Dear Governor Walker,

I write to encourage you to appoint Judge Randy Koschnick to our Wisconsin Supreme Court in order to fill the void that will be made by the retirement of Justice David Prosser. Three factors support Judge Koschnick's appointment and they are: Aptitude, Passion and Electability.

Aptitude and Passion

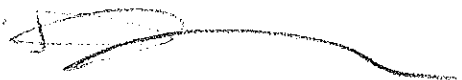
In my experience, when you encounter a person who has both an aptitude and a passion for doing anything, you discover that they are extremely successful at what they do. Judge Koschnick has an aptitude for making well-reasoned and well-grounded decisions. His record in being affirmed in appellate decisions bears this out. Those of us who regularly practiced law beside him in the courtroom and practiced law before him on the bench know how very well grounded in the law his opinions and decisions are.

It is in Judge Koschnick, that this fine legal acumen is imbued with a true and pure passion for the rule of law in general and most particularly in the bedrock of our legal system; the United States and Wisconsin Constitutions. When the topic of statutory construction or constitutional interpretation come up, you can literally see Judge Koschnick's face light up with the excitement and enthusiasm he has for open, spirited and genuine discussion. We could not hope for more, nor expect more in a candidate for appointment to our Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Electability

It is critically important for the continuity of our highest court, that any appointee be the sort of candidate that you can be proud of and the people of our great State can support. Judge Koschnick has run for statewide election. He knows what it takes and many of the voters know him and previously voted for him. He has been vetted successfully and his mettle and good character have withstood the crucible of public scrutiny and the microscope of the media. Judge Randy Koschnick, as your appointee to our Supreme Court, will provide us all with the aptitude and passion of a very fine Supreme Court Justice for many years to come. It is with steadfast support and vehement encouragement that I close.

Sincerely,



David Wambach

Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge



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May 5th, 2016

The Honorable Governor Scott Walker
Office of the Governor
115 East, State Capitol
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Dear Governor Walker,

I would like to offer my recommendation of Judge Randy Koschnick for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I have known Judge Koschnick for several years and know he is a man of great integrity, character, and qualification. His 16 years on the bench, in addition to 14 years of practice, show Judge Koschnick is battle-tested. He has seen a variety of complex legal issues and cases and has upheld the high standards he sets for himself and the community expects. He has earned the respect of the public and legal communities.

Judge Koschnick will uphold the rule of law. Judicial conservatives are increasingly harder to find. A true judicial conservative interprets the law as it is, not what it ought to be. We want our independent judiciary to leave lawmaking to the legislature. I know Judge Koschnick is a judicial conservative. He has proven this throughout his career both on the bench, and as an attorney. This constant scrutiny has galvanized Judge Koschnick into an unshakable individual. It is that unwavering commitment that we need on the bench in the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Judge Koschnick has what it takes to win re-election. We need judicial conservatives on the bench to stabilize the legal system, but those individuals will stand for re-election. We need a candidate who has not only been a candidate, but has proven themselves by winning re-election to ensure his rulings, and the appointment legacy, is continued. Throughout his career, Judge Koschnick has upheld the integrity of the legal system and shown he has the tenacity to take on a challenge. Judge Koschnick's track record and willingness to run for election and re-election is strong evidence that he will retain this position. He has learned from every campaign, which has made him an even stronger candidate for this position. He knows what it takes to win.

Judge Koschnick's first-hand experience from the bench and counsel table are what we need at the Supreme Court. He has lived it, and is all the more qualified as a result. There is no one more qualified for this position than Judge Koschnick to review decisions that were made at lower court levels. His discretion and experience give him an unparalleled resume with which to base his decisions. Supreme Court justices should have the first-hand experience to know how their rulings will affect the individuals who work in the daily grind of the courtroom. Judge Koschnick has this insight.

Judge Koschnick is a proven leader with a strong track record of judicial conservatism. I whole-heartedly recommend him for the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cody J. Horlacher".

Cody Horlacher
State Representative
33rd Assembly District



May 16, 2016

Governor Scott Walker
1st Floor East Wing
State Capitol
HAND DELIVERED

Dear Governor Walker:

I am writing to recommend the appointment of Judge Randy Koschnick as a Justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Judge Koschnick has honorably served Jefferson County on the bench for 17 years with great distinction and fidelity to the law.

He has also served in an administrative capacity as the Chief Judge for District 3, which includes Jefferson, Waukesha and Ozaukee counties. In this role, he has earned the trust and respect of other circuit court judges and the administrative staff of each county's court system. Prior to his service on the bench, Randy Koschnick served as a public defender for 14 years providing legal services to clients facing various situations within our justice system.

I sincerely believe that Judge Koschnick, when compared to the other applicants, will have the strongest professional background and commitment to a conservative judicial philosophy. Besides a fine legal intellect, Mr. Koschnick also brings to the Supreme Court a tremendous dedication to serving the people of Wisconsin by upholding the constitutional rights bestowed on individuals.

In today's politically divisive culture, there are few opportunities for a Governor to make such a monumental decision that isn't received without some level of partisanship or acrimony. However, this candidate provides both the professional and personal character to assist in bridging the divide. I respectfully ask that you appoint Judge Randy Koschnick to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

Steve Nass
State Senator
11th Senate District

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11th Senate District

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James and Deborah Bowers
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The Honorable Governor Scott Walker
115 East Capitol
Madison, WI 54702

Dear Honorable Governor Walker;

We write in support of Judge Randy Koschnick's pursuit in replacing the Honorable Justice David Prosser on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Our first encounter with Judge Koschnick occurred when he ran for the Wisconsin Supreme Court against Justice Shirley Abrahamson.

First and foremost, we could not help but be impressed with Judge Koschnick's plethora of experience. Having a legal background which includes both ends of the criminal spectrum - defense and prosecutorial - accords him hands on familiarity in criminal law.

Also impressive are his positions within the judiciary. As Chief Judge of Wisconsin's Third Judicial District as well as Presiding Judge of the Jefferson County Circuit Court, Judge Koschnick exhibits the leadership quality we would expect from one of seven Justices tasked with presiding over the appeals heard in the Supreme Court.

Initially elected in 1999, he has earned the trust of Jefferson County voters by being re-elected both times his term concluded. Furthermore, Judge Koschnick has not been content to preside on the bench, but his service as a board member of the State Bar of Wisconsin Criminal Law Section speaks for his drive in judicial excellence. His assistance on the State Assembly's Criminal Justice Reforms Task Force addresses his commitment to correct and reliable convictions.

Both of us are confident that given the opportunity, Judge Randy Koschnick will prove to be a strong conservative voice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Respectfully;

James and Deborah Bowers

May 15, 2016

Governor Scott Walker
115 East, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53701

Dear Governor Walker,

I am writing in support of Judge Randy Koschnick's application for appointment to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin.

Judge Koschnick is a firm believer in the Constitutions of Wisconsin and the United States. He has also earned a reputation as being fair and committed to the equal application of justice as required by our Constitutions.

Prior to being elected Judge in Jefferson County, Judge Koschnick was an attorney with the State Public Defender's Office for fourteen years in La Crosse, Monroe, Waukesha and Jefferson counties. During his tenure with the agency, Judge Koschnick earned the respect of his colleagues within the agency as well as the respect of the justice partners in the counties.

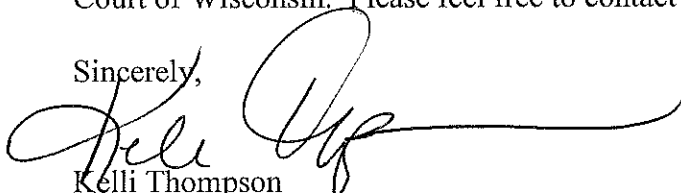
In addition to serving as circuit court judge, Judge Koschnick has taken many leadership roles as an administrator in the court system. While serving as Chief Judge of the Third Judicial District, Judge Koschnick has led efforts to implement electronic filing of court documents in the judicial system. My agency has found Judge Koschnick to be knowledgeable, responsive, and understanding of how electronic filing will impact all aspects of the justice system.

Judge Koschnick has also been a leader in examining the policies behind the criminal justice system. He served on the Assembly Criminal Justice Reform Task Force which recommended several changes to criminal procedure in the areas of eyewitness identification and police interrogation. The goal of the task force was to enhance the reliability of criminal convictions and to reduce the likelihood of wrongful convictions.

This goal exemplifies why Judge Koschnick would be a valuable addition to the Wisconsin Supreme Court: he knows that unless we treat every person who interacts with the criminal justice system with the same level of rights and due process, then the system does not work for anyone. As a Supreme Court Justice, Judge Koschnick would be able to ensure that due process as enshrined in the Constitution is the primary focus of Wisconsin's criminal justice system.

Thank you for your consideration of Judge Randy Koschnick for appointment to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin. Please feel free to contact me if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,



Kelli Thompson
State Public Defender

Office of the Sheriff - Jefferson County



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Jeff Parker, Chief Deputy

Jerry Haferman
Patrol Captain



Duane Scott
Jail Captain



Paul Wallace
Administrative Captain

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

To The Honorable Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin:

Dear Governor Walker,

I would like to convey to you my endorsement of Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge & District 3 Chief Judge Randy R. Koschnick for the upcoming Wisconsin State Supreme Court vacancy. Judge Koschnick has long had the respect of Jefferson County Law Enforcement as well as the respect of the Defense Bar. Judge Koschnick is a Constitutional jurist. He understands the Constitution and the "rule of law" and holds both sacred. I've personally known Judge Koschnick before he was a Judge and considered him to be an extremely ethical public defender.

I believe the appointment of Judge Koschnick to the State Supreme Court would only help to bring great respect and esteem to the State's highest court.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul S. Milbrath".

Jefferson County Sheriff

Paul S. Milbrath

REBECCA G. BRADLEY

6928 Grand Parkway
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May 19, 2016

Office of Governor Scott Walker
115 East State Capitol
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Re: Wisconsin Supreme Court Vacancy

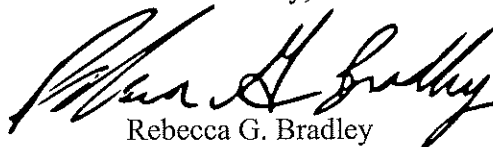
Dear Governor Walker:

I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Judge Randy Koschnick, who seeks appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Judge Koschnick has served as a Jefferson County Circuit Court Judge for 17 years, presiding over hundreds of jury trials and taking a leadership role in many legal and judicial initiatives designed to improve the administration of justice. His work has been recognized by the Wisconsin Law Journal, which conferred on Judge Koschnick the prestigious Leaders in the Law award. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Koschnick practiced law as both a prosecutor and a public defender. Collectively, Judge Koschnick's professional experiences in the areas of criminal and constitutional law span over thirty years.

Judge Koschnick also has valuable experience running a contested race for a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court during which he campaigned on the proper role of the judiciary. He has demonstrated through numerous decisions and in public speeches that he is a judge who applies the law as it is written, without regard for his personal preferences. Judge Koschnick has an extensive network of loyal supporters throughout Wisconsin who would support his campaign to retain his seat should he be appointed.

Judge Koschnick is a dedicated public servant and a man of the highest integrity. His accomplishments as a jurist have earned him the positions of Chief Judge of Wisconsin's Third Judicial District and Presiding Judge of the Jefferson County Circuit Court. He possesses an excellent judicial temperament. Judge Koschnick has an extensive knowledge of both the history and text of our state and federal Constitutions and provides the important public service of educating the public and the bar about the meaning, history and structure of the United States Constitution. He has faithfully applied the laws of this State for many years during his distinguished career as a jurist. I highly recommend Judge Koschnick for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

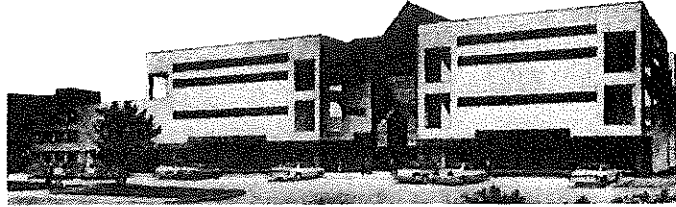
Sincerely,



Rebecca G. Bradley



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ERIC SEVERSON, *Sheriff*

May 10, 2016

The Honorable Scott Walker
Governor of Wisconsin
115 East Capitol Drive
Madison, WI 53072

Dear Governor Walker,

I am writing to recommend and endorse Jefferson County Circuit Court Chief Judge Randy Koschnick for appointment to the office of Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice. I have known and worked closely with Randy for several years. During his service to the citizens of Jefferson County, Randy has demonstrated his tireless work ethic and his dedicated commitment to the law. I am particularly impressed with his disciplined approach to his work on the bench as a constitutional textualist and a champion of the rule of law. I know Judge Koschnick will carefully balance our citizen's liberty interests with the need for appropriate government involvement in providing a safe and prosperous state.

Judge Koschnick has a very diverse and comprehensive legal background. Prior to Judge Koschnick's 17 years of Judicial service, Randy served in both prosecutor and defense counsel roles. With this prior legal experience and his excellent record and tenure on the circuit court, Judge Koschnick has acquired substantial and diverse legal experience in a wide variety of legal matters. After becoming a Judge in Jefferson County, he helped create the Jefferson County Victim Impact Panel as well as the Jefferson County Alcohol Treatment Court which exemplifies his leadership in and vision of exploring new and constructive opportunities for addressing crime in our community. Clearly Judge Koschnick is well respected within Jefferson County and throughout the State of Wisconsin.

In my personal and professional dealings with Judge Koschnick, I find that Randy is a conservative, perspicacious thinker. Randy is an individual I comfortably rely on for advice in professional matters because of his integrity, legal acumen, and excellent problem solving capacity. Randy is a devoted family man with impeccable character. His legal background has superbly prepared him for the duties of a Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice. I am proud to support Judge Koschnick's application to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin.

I am available to provide additional information or answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully and sincerely,

Eric Severson
Waukesha County Sheriff

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 19, 2016

The Honorable Scott Walker
Governor of the Wisconsin
Office of Governor Scott Walker
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Re: Recommendation of the Honorable Randy R. Koschnick to the Wisconsin Supreme Court

Dear Governor Walker,

I am writing to recommend the appointment of Honorable Randy S. Koschnick to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I have had the pleasure of working with Judge Koschnick in his capacity as the 3rd District Chief Judge for the past five years. I have found him to be patient, open-minded, understanding, while exhibiting firmness and common sense in his duties.

Judge Koschnick would provide the experience of a well diversified courtroom judge for the highest court in Wisconsin. He has all of the qualities necessary for a member of the Supreme Court; skill, ethical, courageous, integrity, intelligence, and appropriate judicial demeanor.

Judge Koschnick will uniquely bring to the highest court is something that can't be taught or developed, he has a natural presence that will unify the court, bring out the best in his fellow justices, and provide conservative leadership.

For those reasons and many more not listed here I whole-heartedly support the appointment of the Honorable Randy R. Koschnick to the Supreme Court.

All the best,

Mary Lou Mueller
Clerk of Circuit Court
Register in Probate
Clerk of Juvenile Court

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19 May 2016

RE: Judge Randy Koschnick, WI. Supreme Court Appointment for retiring Justice Prosser

Dear Governor Walker,

I write this letter in support of Jefferson County Judge Randy Koschnick for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I have known Judge Koschnick for over 5 years, but have known of Randy for many more. During his last run for Wisconsin Supreme Court, I was impressed by his knowledge and interest in promoting the U.S. Constitution while presenting his arguments in favor of his judicial philosophy. I have also watched Judge Koschnick at speaking events and how well he is able to communicate his love and knowledge of the Constitution to anyone that may be listening. I believe it is his desire to share this historical guiding document with everyone as he explains how it guides him in his life as a trial court judge.

Judge Koschnick has the experience of many thousands of decisions that impact every single litigant that has passed through his courtroom. Randy understands the importance of getting his legal decisions right because of the personal impact it has on each and every person involved in his decisions. He knows of the financial and emotional investment that is made by each litigant and the need to have a legal system that makes good decisions for all parties, based upon the law as it is written.

As Chief Judge, Randy has experienced the managerial side of the court system and has taken the responsibility of improving the efficiency in his area of responsibility. These improvements have a direct impact on the tax payers of Wisconsin and the respective Counties of his jurisdiction, as well as for the parties that are served by the court system.

His stance on the life of the unborn is clear, and that is our moral and Constitutional principles guide us to support the protection of these children. In addition, his religious convictions support his moral compass on this unfortunately divisive issue.


Randy is a family man and is guided by his knowledge of U.S. history, but also by religious history. As we have personally had the opportunity to speak about Constitutional and Religious issues, I am sure that his knowledge and dedication to both will guide Randy as he is a moral and just man.

On the issue of judicial philosophy, I believe that Judge Koschnick is one that takes the role of the court system seriously and will not violate the separation of the branches of government. As a trial court judge, Randy knows that his decisions must be made based upon the law as written by the legislative

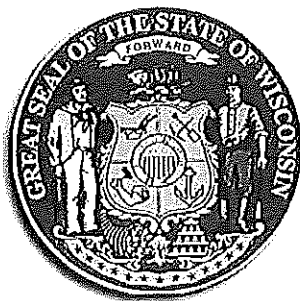
branch. As Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice, his decisions will additionally include the question of Constitutionality, which is an area that Randy clearly has the intellectual capacity to "get it right."

It is for these reasons, and many more, that I believe Judge Randy Koschnick should be included in your decision for this appointment. I would welcome the opportunity to further reinforce my support for Randy should you have any questions.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Dragotta', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kenneth J. Dragotta, PE
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May 20, 2016

via email: govjudicialappointments@wisconsin.gov

Governor Scott Walker
Attn: Judicial Selection Committee
P.O. Box 7863
Madison, WI 53707-7863

Re: Recommendation for Judge Randy Koschnick
Supreme Court Seat

Dear Governor Walker and Members of the Judicial Selection Committee:

I write today in support of Judge Randy Koschnick's application for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

I have the honor and privilege of serving with Judge Koschnick as his Deputy Chief Judge in District 3. I know Randy to be a jurist dedicated to the rule of law and judicial restraint. He routinely and regularly applies the law without regard to his personal feelings or biases. He is committed to the judiciary, as is evidenced by his involvement in various committees throughout his judicial career and his service as Chief Judge for District 3.

Randy is also an honorable man, dedicated to his faith, family and the community. He will bring these qualities and many more to the Supreme Court and why I encourage you to consider his application.

Thank you for your time and attention. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 262-548-7516 or Jennifer.Dorow@wicourts.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer R. Dorow".
Jennifer R. Dorow
Deputy Chief Judge District 3
Presiding Judge Waukesha County

May 23, 2016

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

MAY 26 2016

Dear Governor Walker and Members of the Judicial Selection Committee,

Judge Randy Koschnick advised me that he has applied for the seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court that will open when Justice David Prosser retires at the end of July. Based upon my experience working with Judge Koschnick I believe he would make an excellent Supreme Court Justice.

From the time he graduated from law school in 1985 and until he took the bench in 1999 Judge Koschnick worked his way up through the ranks of the Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office. He was involved in a number of very serious and high profile cases during that time. He also gained a great deal of exposure to people that many lawyers never have the opportunity to represent. In my opinion working with people who come from all walks of life gives Judge Koschnick unique insight into the difficulties suffered by many of the individuals that the Wisconsin Courts serve.

Since 1999, Judge Koschnick has been serving Jefferson County as a Circuit Court Judge. I have been on the bench in Ozaukee County since 2002 and as result have had a great deal of interaction with Judge Koschnick. I know that as Circuit Court Judge he has gained a great deal of experience in all areas of the law. He has tried almost every type of case imaginable, including criminal cases that range from the most mundane to the most serious felonies, all types of family law cases and all types of civil actions. I believe that his experience on the trial bench will prove to be a huge asset to the Supreme Court.

I also believe that Judge Koschnick is well recognized and highly regarded by his peers in our judicial district. He has served as the Chief Judge for our District since August of 2012. Being Chief Judge can be a difficult and thankless job. Since August of 2013, I have been the Presiding Judge in Ozaukee County and have had the opportunity to work closely with Judge Koschnick in his capacity as Chief Judge on a number of issues involving the Ozaukee County Courts. His management style can be described as one that promotes positive communication between the individuals involved and focuses on moving forward in order to better serve our constituents. It has been my experience that he tries to mediate the issue rather than simply issue a directive to the parties. I think he has been very fair and effective in his dealings with the Ozaukee County Judges

and that his experience as Chief Judge for the last 4 years will be beneficial for him as a Justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

In concluding, I ask that you give Judge Koschnick's application very strong consideration. I believe he would be an excellent member of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul V. Malloy", with a stylized, cursive script.

Paul V. Malloy

GOV Judicial Appointments

From: Patrick Haughney <Patrick.Haughney@wicourts.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2016 10:11 AM
To: GOV Judicial Appointments
Subject: Supreme Court Recommendation for Chief Judge Randy Koschnick

June 7, 2016

RE: Recommendation: Chief Judge Randy Koschnick

Dear Governor Walker:

It is an honor and a privilege to recommend for your consideration for the Supreme Court Chief Judge Randy Koschnick. I have known him for about 26 years. Although I will miss him as an outstanding chief judge, his leadership and conservative voice will be an asset on the Supreme Court. His appointment as chief judge was by majority vote of the Supreme Court demonstrating that he will be able to work well on that court.

He is a model circuit court judge. He has knowledge, wisdom and extensive trial experience.

I met him years ago when I was an assistant district attorney and he was a public defender. I appreciated his integrity way back then and it continues today. I was honored to campaign at his side in 2008 through 2009 in his race against the former Chief Justice.

I have always enjoyed numerous lunches with him, in which we always get around to talking about conservative constitutional principles. His knowledge and respect for the constitution will serve the citizens of Wisconsin well on the Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

Patrick C. Haughney
Circuit Court Judge, Br. #6
Waukesha County

Berry, Robert - GOV

From: JB Van Hollen <jbvanhollen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 1:22 PM
To: GOV Judicial Appointments
Subject: State Supreme Court appointment

I send this email in support of the appointment of Judge Randy Koschnick to the vacancy on the Wisconsin State Supreme Court. As all of you are aware, I have spent almost my entire career in the public sector, working with government officials, politicians and judges covering local, state and federal jurisdictions. Combining this experience with my personal knowledge of, I believe, every candidate seeking this appointment, I have no hesitation in saying Judge Koschnick is the one I would select if it were my decision, for what it's worth!

Judge Koschnick certainly has the requisite experience and then some, based in large part on his years on the Jefferson County Bench. I believe no other candidate is more qualified in that regard. He also has shown more interest in the position than anyone else by having run a hard and impressive campaign for the position once before. The effort that takes compared to simply hoping for an appointment certainly should be recognized. I have had numerous opportunities to spend time with him over the years and I am convinced that his personality and temperament would be a great addition to the court as well.

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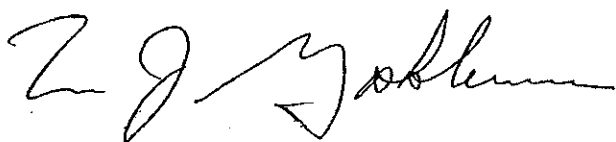
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GOV Judicial Appointments

From: JB Van Hollen <jbvanhollen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 1:22 PM
To: GOV Judicial Appointments
Subject: State Supreme Court appointment

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To: GOV Judicial Appointments
Subject: Recommendation Letter for Randy Koschnick

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to add my name to the list of individuals who endorse Judge Randy Koschnick for the open position on the Wisconsin Supreme Court to replace retiring Justice Prosser.

I have been acquainted with Judge Koschnick for several years and have found him to be a staunch constitutionalist. He has always impressed me with his strict adherence to the rule of law and his rigorous observance of judicial procedures.

He exhibits no bias and works hard to maintain impartiality. He has humility and treats everyone with respect regardless of ideology or position. He avoids judicial activism and takes great care to make certain that the law is correctly and fairly applied.

In my conversations with the judge, it has been readily apparent that he loves the law, enjoys discussing and debating the law, is more than happy to explain and teach the law to ordinary citizens, and is deeply concerned with the impact that the law makes on the lives of the average citizen.

Judge Koschnick is giving of his time and energy to advance the public's knowledge of the law and to better society. I speak from firsthand experience as the judge has appeared before our organization and spoke on the issue of the interaction of the state and federal constitutions. He did so without compensation.

Placing Judge Koschnick on the Wisconsin Supreme Court would bring increased vigor, honesty, humility, compassion and constitutionalism to the Court.

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