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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 of support for Judge Jim Morrison. I understand that the Governor will have the opportunity to fill the vacancy created by Justice David T Prosser's retirement.

I first came to know Jim when he joined the trial court bench. He has earned the reputation of being a fair, deliberate jurist who does not legislate from the bench. Judge Morrison would not only bring his background and experience as judge to the court but also, he has an understanding of what is means to be a lawyer in private practice. His vast experience on the court and in private practice would no doubt fit well with the variety of issues that come to the court. In addition to his legal prowess, Judge Morrison has distinguished himself serving in various legally related committees as well as community boards and activities.

In short, the Governor will indeed have many qualified applicants from which to choose, but I count Jim Morrison amongst them. He would be a welcome addition to the appellate bench.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Annette Ziegler

From:

Beverly A French <gbgje5@aol.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 05, 2016 2:29 PM

To:

**GOV Judicial Appointments** 

Subject:

Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment`

#### Dear Governor Walker:

It is with great honor that I support and recommend Judge James Morrison for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Judge Morrison is one of the finest Judges in Northeast Wisconsin. An honorable gentleman a kind and thoughtful family man.

I have known Jim since our days as fellow TEC (The Executive Committee) members, which tallies up to about 20 years now. TEC is a group of business people who gather together to facilitate good business practices in our companies, learn new skills and offerings, and help others.

Once Judge Morrison successfully ran for office he dropped his membership in TEC. This was about the same time I retired.

Judge Morrison could easily win his office in his district because of his upstanding reputation, his support of groups in the community and county, and his honesty and integrity practicing years of law.

You can do no better than consider Judge James Morrison as your next appointee. If you have any questions, call me at 920-660-8679.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Beverly French** 

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May 6, 2016

Governor Scott Walker c/o Gov.Judicial Appointments@Wisconsin.gov

RE: Recommendation of the Hon. James Morrison for Supreme Court Justice

Dear Governor Walker:

I am writing to respectfully request that you consider the Hon. James Morrison, of Marinette County, for the position of Supreme Court Justice. His temperament, experience, and legal acumen are precisely what this court needs.

Jim and I met when I was asked to volunteer my time to the Board of Bar Examiners to grade bar exams. At that time, he was on the board of directors and eventually was president. On a number of occasions I graded with him and admired his knowledge and insight on the law. I have also had the privilege of appearing before him in Marinette and his qualities as a judge are exemplary. He truly respects all of the attorneys and parties who appear before him.

However, the quality that he possesses, and which is so very desperately needed for this court, is his ability to work collegially with those who are not of his same political view. While unwavering in his own views, he is always respectful to those who differ. I sincerely believe that he is uniquely qualified to help this court move past the differences that have divided it for so long. Please give his candidacy serious consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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Catherine A. La Fleur

#### Grant C. Killoran 2607 North Wahl Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

May 6, 2016

#### VIA E-MAIL: GovJudicialAppointments@Wisconsin.gov

To the Office of Governor Scott Walker

Re: Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

I am a shareholder with the law firm O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong & Laing S.C. in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where I am the Chair of its Litigation Practice Group. I write in support of Judge James Morrison's application for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

I recently appeared before Judge Morrison in a complex health care case. I had not appeared before him prior to that case. The case was significant and the issues in it complex, focusing on a dispute over a business agreement between two sizable health care providers. Judge Morrison was excellent throughout the proceeding. He carefully read all of the materials presented to him (and they were voluminous) and moved the somewhat time sensitive case forward at a rapid but acceptable pace. He was courteous to counsel and the parties, but remained in firm control of his courtroom. His staff also was quite helpful.

Due to Judge Morrison's work, the case was resolved in a manner that not only was agreeable to the parties, but I believe benefited the Marinette community. Although the case was a high profile one, with many news articles printed about it, Judge Morrison did not let the publicity impact his decision making.

I am pleased to have had the good fortune to have my client's case assigned to and heard by Judge Morrison. I truly respect Judge Morrison and his handling of the case, and strongly recommend him for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

If you have any questions, or would like any further information about the case discussed above, or my view of Judge Morrison's handling of it, please do not hesitate to contact me at 414.291.4733 (office – direct line).

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Sincerely,

Grant C. Killoran

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3 May 2016

Mike Gavigan/ Commander Polomis-Tahlier American Legion Post #150 Wausaukee, WI. 54177 715-923-4610

Dale Oatman / Department Commander Wisconsin American Legion

#### Commander,

This past year you've had the opportunity to meet a number of people in this area that have made our Post and our mission to Service to Veterans and Community a guiding beacon to all of Marinette County. I cannot express enough that without that guidance of those advisors we here could not have accomplished those missions without that help. In the past 25 years of my involvement with the American Legion Post here in Marinette County we've been blessed with over whelming financial and legal advice and all we had to do was identify or been made aware of a need for our assistance . We then relied on those friends of the Wausaukee American Legion to move forward with their guidance to succeed in that mission. It could have been a Homeless Veteran and there family for housing assistance or a young child coping with leukemia or in the case of your visit this past year with the Sign for the Wausaukee School District. One of those persons who have been instrumental in our success has been the Honorable James Morrison / Judge of Marinette County. Before being appointed to the Bench by Governor Scott Walker, Judge Morrison was a practicing attorney and offered his services to the Post at no cost and has been a strong Advocate of Veterans needs here in the County for many years. His many hours of service to our success here in Wausaukee have made us a pillar of admiration here in Wausaukee and have benefited countless families and American Legion Community Programs. We here cannot express in words alone our sincere gratitude for all he's done and wanted you to know before your tenure ends here in July. We would hope that some recognition for his years of volunteering his service on behalf of Veterans Legal issues and those financial needs become noticed. I've attached his cell number should you have time to contact him and personally thank him for his service to our Community.

Mike Gavigan/ Commander Wausaukee American Legion

Honorable James Morrison E-mail -jam10bam@gmail.com

Cell (715-977-2077)

May 5, 2016

Michael F. Gavigan/ Commander Polomis-Tahlier American Legion Post #150 528 Harrison Avenue P.O. Box 50 Wausaukee, WI.54177

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Hon. Scott Walker/ Governor State of Wisconsin

Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

Dear Sir;

I am writing you today to request your consideration of Hon. James Morrison/Judge/ Marinette County to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I have known James Morrison for over 20 years, both as a practicing Attorney and as a friend.

When you appointed him to the Bench in 2012 we here in Marinette County were proud to know his accomplishments were finally being recognized. During my years of knowing Jim he has been a Mentor to me in my 6 years as a School Board Member and also as a Commander of the local Legion Post here in Wausaukee.

Very few of our youth here in Wausaukee are aware of Judge Morrison and his wife Barb's passion for financially making it possible for young men and women to attend Badger Boy and Badger Girl State each spring. He's never asked for recognition or thanks but al-ways wanted to know what we needed then made the monies available for them to attend. His kindness never wavered when it came to giving of himself or his wealth.

I have attached a letter to our State Commander who has met Judge Morrison in one of our fund raisers which he helped dedicate in 2015. With his help we were able to provide a new sign for the School District. The only flaw if one could be said of James Morrison is that his moral integrity has not changed yesterday, today or tomorrow. He is truly a compassionate fair man and to quote "Wisconsin needs Judges that are fair, enthusiastic, ethical and experienced. I feel confident that Mr. Morrison will bring these traits and others to the bench". End quote.

Thank you for considering my recommendation.

Sincerely Michael F Gavigan

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May 6, 2016

Governor Scott Walker State Capitol, First Floor Madison, WI 53708 MAY - S

Dear Governor Walker:

It is my distinct pleasure to recommend Judge James Morrison of Marinette to be appointed to serve as a Justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Mr. Morrison received a degree in biology from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1970. Following his undergraduate career, Mr. Morrison attended the University of Minnesota Law School, graduating cum laude with his Juris Doctor in 1973. Four years later, he co-founded the Morrison Law Firm in Marinette. Mr. Morrison has proudly spent the last 40 years dedicating his time and service to the people of northeastern Wisconsin.

In 2012, Mr. Morrison was appointed to serve as a Marinette County Circuit Judge. Since this appointment, Judge Morrison has devoted considerable time and energy to the community. He has been instrumental in important efforts that have proven highly beneficial to northeastern Wisconsin, including the implementation of the Marinette County Drug Court. Judge Morrison has a strong record of pragmatism, fairness, and decisiveness. His experience serving on the bench in northeastern Wisconsin demonstrates that he is a great candidate to serve on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Judge James Morrison is enthusiastic about his work and his efforts in and around the community have been well received. I heartily recommend and humbly ask you to consider him to serve our state as a Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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State Representative Assembly District 89

From:

Dave Mielke < DMielke@chemdesign.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 9:54 AM

To:

**GOV Judicial Appointments** 

Subject:

Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

Dear Governor Walker,

Thank you for your bold stance in Wisconsin and making it a better place to live and work!

I recommend Judge James Morrison for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. As a member of the Marinette community for over 25 years I have met and known Jim through business contacts, community meetings, and the Chamber of Commerce. While Jim has held roles as attorney, small business owner, advisor, and judge he has always been fair and equitable in his dealings with people and business. Jim always pushes to make things better for example, he implemented the drug court in Marinette and often speaks to groups in the community about the challenges we face and options we have to make a difference. I am a current TEC member and Jim was a TEC member for many years. TEC membership and the experiences gained from a group of individuals all focused on running healthy businesses that care about people are paramount in developing leadership and character.

Jims integrity and leadership with be a positive influence on the state supreme court. He will make a difference and will always do what is in the best interest of the state of Wisconsin and its constituents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dave

**David Mielke** 

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Charles Dais Jr. <cdaisjr@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 9:05 AM

To:

**GOV Judicial Appointments** 

Subject:

Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

#### Dear Governor Walker:

It is my honor to recommend Judge James Morrison of Marinette County to the Wisconsin Supreme Court appointment. I have known Judge Morrison on a personal level now for several years and have found him to be one of the most intelligent, level-headed, energetic and charismatic people I have ever met. His involvement in the community and judiciary has been relentless and very positive. His passion, integrity and respect for the U.S. Constitution would make him an excellent choice, and I cannot more strongly recommend him.

I also had the pleasure and honor of meeting the honorable Justice Bradley, whom I believe you supported, and several other respectable magistrates, at his house prior to her campaign for the court. Rebecca is a very intelligent person, of high character as well.

I strongly believe the selection of Judge James Morrison would be an incomparable motion to further balance the judiciary. We need more politically unbiased magistrates who respect and defend the U.S. Constitution, and interpret it uninfluenced by personal bias or politics, according to the intention of its composers.

## Sincerely,

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From:

Tim J. Stauss <Tim.Stauss@snbt.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 9:56 AM

To: Subject: GOV Judicial Appointments Recommendation of Judge James A. Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court

Appointment

Greetings Governor Walker,

It is with great conviction that I recommend Judge James A. Morrison for appointment to the Wisconsin State Supreme Court. I have known Judge Morrison for the past twenty five years. In every single instance, Judge Morrison has shown exemplary character and a phenomenal grasp of the laws as they relate to the judicial system.

There are three things you can count on with Judge Morrison on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The first is that you will be getting a man who lives with a very high and honorable moral compass. Jim represents what is good and right with Wisconsin values; that being, he cherishes his family, lives a life of honesty, and finds value in charitable endeavors. Secondly, Judge Morrison will NOT impose his personal beliefs to influence the application of the law. All too often judges try to twist the interpretation of law to force their views and have a societal influence. Without question, Judge Morrison understands the danger in that philosophy. He will know the law, he will apply the law, and he will do so without slanting the intent of the law. Thirdly, Judge Morrison will be an appointee with a work ethic. He will give the Wisconsin people a tireless effort to get things done and get them done right. Whether it be in the courtroom or in his charitable organizations, you will find him searching and working for the right solution regardless of his hours already invested.

As you can see Governor Walker, I hold Judge Morrison in high regard and give him my highest recommendation. I believe he is the absolute best choice for the State of Wisconsin. In my humble opinion I believe there will not be anyone better. I would like to thank you for your consideration of Judge Morrison. I would look forward to a discussion with you if you have any questions or need any clarification.

Thank you Governor Walker,

Tim Stauss

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May 11, 2016

#### VIA E-MAIL

GovJudicialAppointments@Wisconsin.gov

Re: Recommendation of Judge James A. Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

Dear Governor Walker:

I am very pleased to submit this letter of recommendation on behalf of Judge James Morrison for the appointment to the State Supreme Court.

I have known Jim Morrison for more than 35 years. Before taking the bench, Jim Morrison had an outstanding reputation as a litigation and transactional attorney. At times, we represented defendants in civil cases claiming money damages. His skill level and integrity were unparalleled.

Marinette County was extremely fortunate when Jim was appointed to the bench. It is rare to have a new judge with such extensive civil experience presiding over complicated matters. In late summer, 2014, I tried a complicated medical malpractice case before Judge Morrison for six days. While the verdict was against the physician I represented, Judge Morrison gave both sides a very fair trial and demonstrated a mastery of the Rules of Evidence.

I heartily endorse Judge Morrison for the pending State Supreme Court vacancy. Following the untimely death of the Honorable N. Patrick Crooks, it would be appropriate to have another representative from Northeast Wisconsin on the Court.

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Please advise if I can provide additional information. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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From:

Clifford Teachout <ambergram@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 12, 2016 8:13 PM

To:

**GOV Judicial Appointments** 

Subject:

Reference for Judge Jim Morrison

#### Dear Governor Walker:

My name is Clifford Teachout, and I am a retired public school teacher from Wausaukee School District in Marinette County. I would like to recommend Judge Jim Morrison for appointment to the position on the Wisconsin Supreme Court that will be open

because of Justice Prosser's retirement.

I have known Judge Morrison since 2012 when he was appointed to the Marinette County Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial District.

He quickly impressed me and many others with his involvement in the issues of the schools including truancy, school place violence, and other warning signs that children exhibit. He worked with teachers and counsellors to make a difference in children's lives.

Judge Morrison was subsequently elected to continue as 8th Judicial District judge.

He was instrumental in establishing a drug specialty court to treat the high incidence in our county of heroin and other opiate addictions.

His philosophy is that the first requirement of the judge is to protect the community. He also believes that every sentence must make rehab possible since most people that we incarcerate will come out and live among us.

Judge Morrison's judicial philosophy is that the role of a judge is to enforce the law, not invent it. Everyone is to be treated with dignity and respect.

It is my opinion that based on the years of experience in Marinette County, no finer Judge could be appointed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

Clifford M. Teachout Phone: (414) 758-7869 N15570 US Highway 141 Amberg, WI 54102

#### May 13, 2016

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Governor Scott Walker 115 East State Capitol Madison, WI 53702

RE: Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

Dear Governor Walker,

I am writing in support of Judge James Morrison for the Wisconsin Supreme Court Vacancy. After my first year of law school in 2012, I interned for Judge Morrison. It was the most rewarding experience of my law school journey. Through my internship with Judge Morrison, I had the opportunity to observe the various facets and phases of litigation from a unique perspective. I was able to see him work as a judge both inside and outside the courtroom. Judge Morrison is fair, encouraging and intelligent. He has an undeniable passion for the law and respect for his position.

As a supervisor, Judge Morrison went above and beyond to ensure my experience as an intern was rewarding. I came away from the experience with a unique perspective of Judge Morrison's skills as a jurist, public servant, and educator. His character and integrity are beyond reproach.

Judge Morrison has garnered the admiration and support of courtroom staff and attorneys with the example he has set. As an intern, and now as a practicing attorney, I have witnessed him treat claimants, attorneys and the general public with the utmost respect.

Without reservation or hesitation, I lend my support to Judge James Morrison as he seeks to fill the Wisconsin Supreme Court Vacancy.

Very truly yours,

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From: Frank Habib <frankhabibjr@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, May 13, 2016 1:59 PM GOV Judicial Appointments

Subject: RE: " Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court

Appointment"

#### Dear Governor Walker:

The purpose of this email is to serve as a formal recommendation of Circuit Judge, Marinette County Circuit Court, Branch II, James A. Morrison to you for your consideration as a candidate for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

I have worked with Jim on a personal and professional level during the past year and have witnessed firsthand his commitment to the State of Wisconsin, its citizens and their well-being. Jim represents the legal profession and his court with the highest level of professionalism and decorum. He brings a wide array of personal, professional and legal experiences to the bench and would be a tireless champion for our state and citizens.

His work with and for Justice Rebecca Bradley during her appointment and ultimate winning campaign was impeccable and typifies his level of honesty, ethics and transparency in all he does. I am proud to know Jim, his work and call him a friend.

Governor Walker, please give all due consideration to Judge James A. Morrison for your appointment to fill the vacancy on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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From:

Mark Kaiser < mkaiser@LMC-CORP.COM>

Sent:

Friday, May 13, 2016 2:36 PM

To:

**GOV Judicial Appointments** 

Subject:

Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

Good afternoon Governor Walker;

I am writing to strongly recommend Judge Jim Morrison for appointment to the upcoming vacancy on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

I have known Jim for over 10 years, and found him to be a man of outstanding character and integrity. We were involved in the same TEC (The Executive Committee) Group while he was in private practice (over 30 years) in Marinette, WI. As a member of TEC, Jim assisted us in working through the challenges we face as CEO's and private business owners; he understands the issues that arise in running a successful business and was willing to share his successes and failures with us. During his time in private practice he served as Chair of the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners which created new criteria for becoming a practicing attorney in the state of Wisconsin. Over the last several years Jim also has served as Marinette County Judge and has instrumental in the development, implementation, and day-to-day working of the Drug Court. When Jim gets involved, great things happen.

Given his business (including his TEC membership), legal, and most recent experience as a sitting judge, I believe that Jim will bring a very unique perspective to the Court. This perspective along with the strong relationships he has built through-out the legal community will strengthen the Wisconsin Supreme Court and effectively serve the citizens of our great state.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this recommendation in more detail.

Regards,

Mark



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From: PhilG4 <phauck1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 3:13 PM

To: GOV Judicial Appointments

Subject: Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

#### Dear Governor Walker:

A story ...

Three years ago, Governor Jerry Brown of California knew he would have three vacancies coming up on his seven-member Supreme Court. He wanted to upgrade the distinctiveness, "just" reasoning and reputation of the Supreme Court, so he set out to find prospective justices who would do just that. He wanted the Court, which often dealt with leading edge issues in America, to become a go-to model for deliberation. He has done that with his next three appointments.

You have a similar opportunity with Judge Jim Morrison of Marinette.

He is a wonderful anomaly.

One one hand, he is a thoughtful and practical thinker, who looks to use the law to the best advantage of society ... not in a liberal judicial sense where he "makes" law. No, within the current interpretations of the law. But providing opinions and guidance that are as compelling as he can make them in helping the accused understand the wrong and forge a better way.

Second, and very compellingly, he is an activist in wanting to move society forward ... so you would find him influencing the other justices ... and INDEED the Wisconsin judicial system ... to make changes that better their profession and move us all forward. He will argue and work for IMPROVEMENTS in the law, and in how Wisconsin's judicial system works!

He did just that when he was head of the Board of Bar Examiners when he led a culture change in what they needed to be to be effective.

I would assume his resume would show myriads of examples of where he has involved himself in organizations with the sole objective of improving their effectiveness.

For more than a decade, Jim was a member of a Green Bay-based TEC CEO Group (as an attorney, he "ran his own business") alongside 12-14 other business owners talking about how to meet their challenges. I was the facilitator/chair of that group, and I can testify to the admiration that members had for him regarding the insights he had and the help he provided.

I know you're getting other letters in support of him from his TEC peers that give specific examples.

I urge you to consider him a serious candidate for replacing Justice Prosser.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court will be upgraded when you do ... just as Governor Brown did in California and is reaping those rewards.

Appreciatively,
Phil Hauck
Chair, TEC III, XIII and XXXII
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From:

L. Weyers < lweyers@lweyers.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 15, 2016 1:06 PM

To:

**GOV Judicial Appointments** 

Subject:

Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

The Honorable Governor Scott Walker:

Re: Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

Dear Govenor Walker:

Judge James Morrison has been an aquaintance of mine for at least ten years. We first worked together on the transfer of hydro-land properties owned by Wisconsin Public Service to the DNR and private individuals. At the time, he had a private law practice in Northern Wisconsin and he understood the concerns of local citizens. He helped us develop our strategy, interacted with members of the public to allay their concerns, and helped us take the proper steps to accomplish our goals. He was a good team player and throughout this process I found him to be a quick study, understanding complex issues and providing insightful logic. He was passionate about communicating with the public and satisfying their concerns, always making sure our actions were fair and honest.

Since that project was concluded, Judge James Morrison worked with our firm on various issues. His council was honest, insightful, and fair. He demonstrated compassion for those that might be impacted by our actions.

I wholeheartedly support judge James Morrison for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. He will provide logical, conservative judgements for the betterment of the citizens of Wisconsin. Please give him your favorable consideration.

Larry L. Weyers

Retired Chairman, President, and CEO, Integrys Energy Group (Wisconsin Public Service) Retired Lead Director, Green Bay Packers, Executive Committee of the Board of Directors

From:

Timothy Boyle <

Sent:

Sunday, May 15, 2016 5:01 PM

To:

**GOV Judicial Appointments** 

Subject:

James Morrison - Supreme Court of Wisconsin Appointment Applicant

#### Dear Governor Walker,

Please accept this letter of reference on behalf of my good friend and colleague, Judge James (Jim) Morrison. I strongly encourage you to appoint Jim to fill the vacant Supreme Court seat created upon the pending retirement of Justice David Prosser. Jim would be an excellent predecessor to Justice Prosser. He has demonstrated throughout his legal career, including the last several years as a circuit court judge, a commitment to the enhancement of the legal system. Jim's resume speaks for itself and he is without a doubt universally qualified and well respected. Having worked on almost every case known to lawyers, Jim would bring a wealth of knowledge to the Court all the while staying true to his philosophy of judicial restraint, integrity, fairness and good ol'fashioned common sense!

One of Jim's best attributes is that he is sincerely an all around "good guy". Though that may sound simple or trite, I think it is a very important trait for a judge on the highest court of the State. The bottom line is that it all all trickles down the system from there. I am not naive to the discord the judiciary has experienced over the years. Like myself, Jim is passionate about the Court's image as reflected upon by the legal community and society as a whole. There is no question Jim would handle any cases before him fairly and conscientiously, but his true mark would be the respect he aptly would garnish along the way. His appointment would truly compliment the positive trend in our judiciary...a trend which I believe Jim has already played an integral role in getting underway.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours very truly, Timothy D. Boyle Racine County Circuit Court Judge

Tim Boyle Sent from my ipad

From:

Curt Ignacio < CIgnacio@marionbody.com>

Sent:

Sunday, May 15, 2016 8:12 PM

To:

**GOV Judicial Appointments** 

Cc:

Curt Ignacio

Subject:

Letter of Recommendation - Jim Morrison for Supreme Court Vacancy

Governor Scott Walker

May 9 2013

I have known Jim Morrison for approximately 15 years as a member of my TEC group.

TEC XXXII is a group of approximately 15 CEO's, sometimes owners, always ultimate decision-makers of small to medium size companies in Northeast Wisconsin. We meet each month at the business of one of our members for an entire day. During that day we have an outside resource presenter who provides perspectives, information and learning across a wide variety of subjects.

During lunch and throughout the afternoon we continue to meet as a group and discuss the nitty-gritty, real life problems and opportunities we face in growing, developing, and prospering our businesses. We serve as an informal Board of Directors for each other. We make commitments to each other as to what we will do in our own businesses and personal lives to deal with these problems and capitalize on our opportunities and then we hold each other accountable to do what we have committed to do.

It is the making of commitments and accountability which is the key function and reason for the success of TEC throughout the entire world.

Jim was a member with the same kind of business problems and issues running his own small law firm. He was not our legal advisor but he often would point out potential legal pitfalls or opportunities to us when we were discussing a particular problem or initiative. He did not give legal advice because we were not his clients.

Jim was an avid participant, engaging in conversation and offering suggestions fully and completely. Some of these conversations and discussions were very pointed and Jim was among the toughest inquisitors.

His thoughts and insights were often out of the box and innovative.

Since he has become a judge he can no longer participate in our group although he has come occasionally as a guest. We have followed with interest his energetic and effective establishment of a drug court and Marinette. We are not surprised that he would tackle a problem head-on because that is what he always did in TEC.

I understand now he seeks the position of a justice of the Supreme Court. I have no doubt he would bring the same insight, inquisitiveness, good humor and hard work to that challenge as he did to all of our activities in TEC.

I urge you to appoint him to this important position

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From:

Thomas M. Olejniczak <TMO@lcojlaw.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 16, 2016 4:34 PM

To:

**GOV Judicial Appointments** 

Cc:

Jim morrison

Subject:

Supreme Court Vacancy/Candidacy of James Morrison

#### Dear Governor Walker,

I write this letter of recommendation for James Morrison with great pleasure. I have worked with Jim for over 40 years on a wide variety of legal matters both as an attorney colleague and as an attorney practicing before him. There are two important traits that Jim has in dealing with other attorneys, the first is directness and the second is honesty. Whenever we have had dealings, Jim always exhibited a straight forward and direct approach to working out whatever matters we had to work through. There was no deception or misguided innuendo in our dealings. Most importantly, he was always forthright and honest in everything he wrote or said.

Jim's wide range of experience also qualifies him, quite uniquely, for this position. His time on the Bench is a reflection of the knowledge and integrity he exhibited as a private attorney. The perspective he can bring to the Court is one of great value. The variety of cases that he worked on and the various clients he represented provides an extremely balanced understanding of the many issues that are brought before the Supreme Court. He can see the side of the case from the perspective of both advocate and Judge.

Finally, I will tell you that Jim's personality lacks vanity. He is a gregarious individual who relates very well to all sorts of people, and of whom I have never heard a derisive word. Jim is a unique candidate who will bring great integrity, knowledge and decorum to the high Court. He has my highest esteem and I trust you will find him the most qualified of the candidates you may have before you.

Very warm regards,

Thomas M. Olejniczak

Have a great day!



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Governor Scott Walker 115 East State Capitol Madison WI 53702

Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

#### Governor Walker:

I have had the distinct pleasure of knowing James (Jim) Morrison for approximately 10 years. I was a member of TEC XXXII for a part of Jim's tenure with the group.

I have an extremely high regard for Jim as he is very respectful of the opinions and actions of the others in the group, very reflective in the conversations regarding our individual and collective issues and very insightful when it came time to provide feedback and input. When Jim had something to contribute, he had the personal presence to deliver the message clearly, in a very calm demeanor, respecting the thoughts of the individuals and capturing the attention of the entire group, which given an environment of twelve to fifteen alpha dogs in the room, is not something everyone could do.

He was one of the few, if not the only, lawyer to seek out and engage a TEC group to enable him to be a better leader, business person and member of the community.

Most recently I had an opportunity to discuss the creation of the Drug Court. It is one of the many examples of how Jim sets out to make our Wisconsin as a community better, and to help those truly in need within that community. Jim has exhibited the ability to lead improvement within many civic organizations throughout his professional career and personal life.

I sincerely urge you to appoint Judge James Morrison to the Wisconsin Supreme Court to fill Justice Prosser's seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

Gary S. Lofquist

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Governor Scott Walker 115 East State Capitol Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Walker:

Re: Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

Judge James Morrison has honored me by asking me to present a recommendation for him as a member of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Judge Morrison is truly an individual of many talents and achievements.

By now you have seen Judge Morrison's resume. Something we in the law profession have unfortunately had to remind many of our brethren is the need to take the skills and benefits of our education and our profession and give them away without recompense. Judge Morrison has always kept that high standard by his volunteer work in education, social service, aiding the disadvantaged and giving time that only an exceptionally giving and disciplined person could still have to give after his regular job ends for the day.

As a lawyer, I knew Judge Morrison to be an advocate for his clients, but practical with good common sense. Judge Morrison did what he was supposed to do...take care of the people who were his clients. Judge Morrison showed that he is well balanced, works hard, and gets along with his colleagues in the profession.

Judge Morrison brings to his work a spirit of decency, modesty, integrity, even handedness, and excellence. Judge Morrison is a jurist known for his meticulous work ethic and adherence to legal principals rather than an ideological bent. Fidelity to the law has been and will continue to be the cornerstone of his professional life. If appointed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, he will continue on that course.

An effective jurist on the Wisconsin Supreme Court must be skilled at research and writing, possess the analytical ability to cut to the heart of the dispute and have the organizational talent to manage a docket. Judge Morrison brings a broad perspective and a wealth of experience in his quest to be appointed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Judge Morrison has worked for

more than thirty-five years as a litigator in private practice. Since assuming the Marinette County Court bench in 2012, Judge Morrison, in addition to his daily calendar has been involved in judicial education efforts, promoted and created a Drug Court in Marinette County and at present coordinates a Veterans Court between Marinette and Brown County. At present Judge Morrison is starting a Mental Health Court which continues to show that Judge Morrison believes in problem solving courts in addressing the needs of the defendants rather than the only other alternative of incarceration.

And, lastly, I believe that it is imperative that the Wisconsin Supreme Court have Justices on their Court other than from the Milwaukee, Waukesha, and Madison area. It is imperative that the remainder of Wisconsin, North of Interstate 94 be represented.

Judge Morrison's personal character as an attorney, teacher, family man, and Marinette County Circuit Court Judge commend him for the consideration as a Justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. In all the ways that count, Judge Morrison will make a fine contribution and addition to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I, highly, recommend Judge Morrison to you.

Yours very truly,

Michael T. Judge

MICHAEL T. JUDGE CIRCUIT JUDGE-BRANCH I

MTJ/kll

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

Fr: Phil G. Eisenach, 2759 Richard St., Marinette, WI 54143

RE: Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

Dear Governor Walker,

Respectfully, please accept this correspondence in support of Judge Morrison for appointment to the State's high court.

I write as both a professional and personal acquaintance of Judge Morrison. In my career as a risk manager and claims manager I was introduced to Jim 40+ years ago. I was in search of a competent defense attorney to serve my corporate and insurance company clients. Although Jim had limited experience in such matters at that time, he was recommended as a man who embraced a steep learning curve. I found not only that to be absolutely true, but also that he:

- Works as hard and as long as is necessary to do things right.
- Is honest and fair.
- · Follows the law, particularly all things constitutional.
- Treats everyone with respect, particularly those most seldom respected.
- Plays on the team within the court and community.
- Is a friend, particularly to those close to him, but also extending friendship to new acquaintances.
- Is loyal to his family, friends, profession, the law and the Lord.

I have learned that most important things can be brief, thus I will close with my thanks for

your consideration.

Phil G. Eisenach

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From:

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Sent:

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 9:59 AM

To:

**GOV Judicial Appointments** 

Subject:

Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

(Blinka)

17 May 2016

Governor Scott Walker State of Wisconsin

Re: Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

#### Dear Governor Walker:

The people of Wisconsin would benefit greatly from the appointment of Judge James Morrison to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. High character, deep roots in northeastern Wisconsin, an amicable personality, and long experience as a lawyer and judge make him a distinguished candidate. I follow the Wisconsin Supreme Court closely, have written a monthly column on its work for the Wisconsin bar since the late 1980s. For decades I have been deeply involved in judicial and legal education. Judge Morrison would make it a stronger and better court.

I first came to know him through our service on the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners (BBE) ten years ago. As both the chair and a fellow member, Judge Morrison epitomized principled collegiality. His integrity, knowledge, and common sense impressed me from the start. So did his values, which include selfless public service; then a solo practitioner in Marinette, Judge Morrison devoted hundreds of hours to the BBE, even stepping in to essentially manage it when the BBE's incompetent director had to be replaced. In sum, his impressive public service on the BBE, his considerable skills as a lawyer, and his personal qualities made it my pleasure to support strongly both his appointment and election to the circuit court for Marinette County. His performance has been exemplary, earning the respect of judges and lawyers I've spoken with.

So, then, what would Judge Morrison add to the supreme court? Geography is important. Marinette County blends the rural and urban of northeastern Wisconsin. Professionally, his decades of solo-practice representing all manner of clients in all kinds of matters provides a depth of experience unmatched by any current member of the court. His service on the BBE amply demonstrates his collegiality and principles. Judge Morrison's experience on the circuit court has fully justified the confidence you showed in his appointment and the people in electing him. Moreover, he is at a stage of life where he is clearly not using the position to build a career or as a step to something else, rather, it is the culmination of his lifetime of public service.

The court is in a transition time. It must reestablish its legitimacy and integrity with the public, and this can be done only by ensuring that its new members are principled, highly qualified persons with professional and personal qualities that promote confidence, respect, and integrity. Judge Morrison embodies these traits.

Sincerely, /S/ Daniel D. Blinka Professor of Law Marquette University Law School 414-288-5358 (direct)



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May 13, 2016

To the Office of Governor Scott Walker

Re: Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

I am the Family Circuit Court Commissioner and the Register In Probate for Marinette County since 1999. From 1965 to 1999 I practiced law in Marinette County and have known Judge Morrison since 1976. I support the Honorable James Morrison's application for the appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Having practiced law in the same community with Judge Morrison and working in the court system in Marinette I can tell you there is not a better candidate for the Supreme Court Justice position. Judge James Morrison is an extrovert, take charge individual, an innovator in the legal process. He knows how to bring people together to get the job done.

The Judge always has been and still is very active in the Marinette county community. Well respected by fellow attorneys while in private practice and now on the bench.

I have had the good fortune to know him and work with him in the past. I believe he will work toward bringing unity in our Supreme Court.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 715-732-7656 (my direct line).

Sincerely,

Francis M. Boyle, Jr. Esq.

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May 13, 2016

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Governor Scott Walker 115 East State Capitol Madison, WI 53702

> Re: Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

Dear Governor Walker:

I write to recommend your appointment of Judge James Morrison to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

I have come to know Judge Morrison in my capacity as the Chief Judge of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. I attended his Investiture.

Immediately upon taking the bench, he demonstrated energy and enthusiasm. He tackled problems within the Criminal Justice System with vigor. He has made tremendous out-reach efforts to engage the whole community. In doing so, he conducts himself in an exemplary manner as a public servant.

His reputation as an attorney in private practice was excellent. He is bright and a scholar of the law. He approaches each case with a respect for precedent. He understands the relationship of the three branches of government.

Based upon his education, background and public service, Judge Morrison would make an excellent Justice.

I urge his appointment.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Zuidmulder

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# MARINETTE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH I

DAVID G. MIRON Circuit Judge

May 11, 2016

MAY 17 MM

Governor Scott Walker 115 East State Capitol Madison, WI 53702

RE: Honorable James Morrison Application for Supreme Court Justice

Dear Governor Walker:

Please accept this letter in support of Judge Morrison's application to the Supreme Court. As you know, this Supreme Court position has historically been held by an individual from the Northeast Wisconsin area. Jim is an excellent candidate for this position.

I have known him since I began my legal career here in Marinette County. Jim has a very diverse background and experience in all facets of the law. He has been Marinette County Circuit Court Judge, Branch II for the last 4 years.

In my position as Marinette County Circuit Court Judge for Branch I, I have had daily contact with him now for the last 4 years. I have seen first hand his dedication and commitment to this job and the citizens of Marinette County. I have witnessed him work tirelessly on establishing a Drug Court here in Marinette County, spearheading the formation of this Court and now acting as the Judge of the Marinette County Drug Court.

Based on my observations of Jim over the past 33 years, and specifically the last 4 as Circuit Court Judge, I wholeheartedly support and endorse his appointment to the Supreme Court. He has more drive and energy than many men half his age. I have no doubt that he will perform all of the duties of Supreme Court Justice in an excellent manner, will campaign vigorously for a full term and will be an excellent ambassador for the Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

David G. Miron Circuit Judge

DGM/sv



# OFFICE OF MARINETTE COUNTY SHERIFF



Jerome T. Sauve, Sheriff

James M. Hansen, Chief Deputy

May 11, 2016

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

RE: Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for WI Supreme Court Appointment

Dear Governor Walker:

I am proud to have been asked, and very pleased, to send my letter of recommendation for your consideration of our Circuit Court Judge James Morrison for the future open seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

I have known Judge Morrison for a good number of years. He was our County's pick to serve on a temporary basis as our Corporation Counsel on two occasions. I've gotten to know him and his wife Barbara personally who are first class citizens.

Since his election to our Circuit Court, Judge Morrison has distinguished himself as a forward thinking jurist as he took on the huge task of establishing and presiding over our first drug court. He is now receptive to looking at a mental health court as we study this need in our county.

Judge Morrison possesses not only a keen intellect, but is a wise man, very astute to the law with a very principled philosophy as of the rule of law judge.

Governor, I truly believe Judge Morrison would be an asset to the Supreme Court and be of great service to the people of the State of Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome T. Sauve, Sheriff

Marinette County

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May 16, 2016

Hon. Scott Walker Governor State of Wisconsin State Capitol 115 East Capitol Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Walker:

Re: Judge James Morrison

I am President and Chief Executive Office of Pesch Publishing Company, Inc. and publisher of *The Peshtigo Times* in Peshtigo, Wisconsin. I am writing this letter in support of Judge Jim Morrison's appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

I have known Judge Morrison for many years in judicial, professional and civic circumstances. Judge Morrison would make an excellent and effective Supreme Court justice. Throughout his tenure as a circuit court judge in Marinette County, he has tirelessly interpreted and implemented the laws as written and has demonstrated a keen understanding of the limitations on the judiciary in our constitutional system. While implementing the requirements of the law in a fair and equal manner, Judge Morrison has been a key innovator in bringing efficiency to his judicial responsibilities. For example, Judge Morrison has been the moving force behind creating the drug court in Marinette County which has dramatically increased the efficiency and timeliness of processing drug-related interactions between residents and the civil and criminal justice system.

Judge Morrison routinely accomplishes tremendous volumes of work on the bench in Marinette County. His unique combination of collegiality, commitment and stamina would be demonstrated each day on the Supreme Court. It is his established sense of collegiality which would cause Judge Morrison to agree with Ronald Reagan that he would not exploit, for political purposes, other candidates' relative youth and inexperience. What is important about Judge



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Morrison is not his age but the vitality, innovation and camaraderie he would bring to the Supreme Court.

Judge Morrison possesses the qualities and experience which the citizens of Wisconsin admire and which they require in a Supreme Court justice. I recommend Judge Morrison for this position on the Supreme Court with complete confidence.

If you would like to discuss Judge Morrison, or if you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Yours very truly, Charle P. Harlon

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# Terry R. Bush

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May 18, 2016

Governor Scott Walker 115 East State Capitol Madison, WI 53702

RE: Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

#### Dear Governor Walker:

Judge James Morrison asked that I provide a letter of reference in support of his appointment to the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin. I am honored that he would ask me to do so.

I have known Judge Morrison for over 20 years as an attorney, judge and trusted friend. I have sought his counsel for legal matters because he has a thorough knowledge of the law and his advice is always legally sound and pragmatic. I first met Jim when he joined my local group of The Executive Committee, an international professional development group whose founding mission is to increase the effectiveness and enhancing the lives of CEOs. As a result of our nearly monthly group meetings over 10 years, I came to respect Jim's insight and thoughtfulness, his ability to dissect even the most complex issues and his ability to offer considerate, poignant and helpful advice.

I have often sought Jim's personal, business and professional counsel over the years because of his ability to see things as they truly are. In addition to being my friend, Jim has served my family as legal counsel and is the author of my family trust and will. The original legal work was completed nearly 10 years ago and, with the exception of changes made necessary due to changes in the legal code, his work remains as current and relevant today as it did when it was drafted.

I know Jim to have the highest regard for the law and its application. The Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin recognized both his knowledge of the law and his character by appointing him to serve on the Supreme Court Board of Bar Examiners. During his tenure, he served as both Vice Chair and Chair.

As the Circuit Court for Marinette County, Judge Morrison has faithfully served all parties that have appeared in his court. He started a Drug Court whose graduates are successful members of the community. He has extended an invitation to CASA of Brown County, Court Appointed Special Advocates, to start a program in Marinette County. CASA is an organization that advocates and provides support to children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect. CASA volunteers' sole responsibility is to report to the supervising judge on behalf of the child. The program served over 260 children in Brown County in 2015 and is one of nearly 1,000 programs nationwide.

Judge Morrison's ability to determine and pursue practical options for those that appear before him is well known and respected. He has a clear understanding of the law and how to apply it to cases that appear before him. Moreover, Judge Morrison understands and appreciates the Wisconsin Supreme Court's role. I can state without equivocation and with complete confidence that Judge Morrison will serve Wisconsin with distinction.

I am pleased to offer this letter of recommendation and urge you to appoint him to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

Terry Bush

From:

MAUREEN BOYLE <

Sent:

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 4:48 PM

To:

**GOV Judicial Appointments** 

Subject:

Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

#### Dear Governor Walker,

I write today to recommend Judge James Morrison to the position of Wisconsin Supreme Court justice. I had the privilege last year of meeting and interacting with Jim in small group discussions regarding issues relevant to the judiciary. While I have no doubt that every candidate nominated will be knowledgeable and proficient in the law, Jim's strong character and thoughtful demeanor make him an invaluable asset to the Court.

My experience of Jim is that he is an active listener, skilled in engaging others while promoting open and honest communication. He is truly committed to the judiciary in Wisconsin and exudes essential leadership qualities such as personal responsibility, focus and trustworthiness.

As French philosopher Henri Bergson observed, "One must think like a man of action, and act like a man of thought." James Morrison is the epitome of that man who does both. Thank you for your consideration of James Morrison to the Wisconsin Supreme Court vacancy.

Sincerely,

Maureen D Boyle Branch 3 Circuit Judge Barron County

Sent from my iPad

#### Governor Walker,

It is an honor for us to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of James Morrison, Marinette County Circuit Court Judge. My husband Jeff and I have lived in Kiel, Wisconsin for the last 34 years where we raised our four children. Jeff has practiced veterinary medicine here and owns the business with over 30 employees.

We have known Jim for nine years. He is the father of one of our best friends, Sara Masarik. We have come to know Jim as a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. The love his family shares is obvious in the interactions we've witnessed whenever we're together. Sara and her husband Greg show great love and respect for Jim and his grandkids adore him. Everyone lights up when Jim walks in the room, especially his grandkids. They run to greet him and he sits down on the floor, immediately diving into whatever they're playing. He engages with them in thought provoking conversations while the grandkids all hang on Grandpa. One of our favorite volunteer stories about Jim is his playing of "Spiritual Santa" every Christmas Eve for the last 20 years. It is a 100 year old Marinette tradition in which families sign up for a visit from Santa Claus. The children of the home hide while Santa comes to deliver presents. With only the Christmas tree lights on when unpacking the gifts, Santa talks about the kids' good traits, and their habits needing work. He ends by saying a prayer for them and the family before he leaves. The kids hear it all.

Jim and his wife Barbara are joyful people and genuinely care about everyone in the room. Jeff and I feel like family whenever we're around as Jim takes great interest in getting to know us and all guests. The feeling of respect is mutual, and we admire Jim and love getting to know him better. He is very interesting, smart, humorous, compassionate, simple, and a high energy person. Besides his family, who he clearly cherishes, we have come to know Jim as someone who cares deeply about the people in his community. He volunteers a lot of his time to different organizations and in different capacities. He worked with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Marinette-Menominee, Kiwanis, and was a Marinette United Way Board member. Jim also taught at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Marinette, and served as a faculty member at UW Marinette. He is truly committed to serving others and helping to build community in Northeast Wisconsin.

Before Jim was appointed Circuit Court Judge, he practiced at a firm he co-founded, Morrison Law Firm in Marinette, for some forty years. Jim was very involved in helping set up the Drug Court in Marinette, modeled after Green Bay's. It has proven to be very successful.

Lastly, when Jim was appointed to the Marinette County Circuit Court on May 4, 2012, he said this at his swearing in: "It is my responsibility to never forget that it is the job that is very important, not the occupant". Jim's experience, depth of law knowledge, wisdom, and moral character make him an excellent choice for Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Best Regards,

Leslie M. Schuette

Dr. Jeffrey S. Schuette

Vincent R. Biskupic Circuit Court Judge 320 S. Walnut Street Appleton, WI 54911

Governor Scott Walker 115 East State Capitol Madison, Wi 53702

May 17, 2016

RE: Appointment of James A. Morrison

Dear Governor Walker:

I write to strongly support the application of Judge James A. Morrison for the position of Supreme Court Justice to replace the retiring Justice David Prosser.

As a private practicing lawyer and a Marinette County Circuit Court Judge during the past 40 years, Jim Morrison has demonstrated great legal acumen. He has a vast knowledge of civil, criminal, and family law. He is an extremely hard worker and demonstrates the perfect temperament in difficult situations. He gets along with all of his colleagues regardless of philosophical differences.

Based on my interactions with Jim over the past years, I know Jim to be a leader in seeking solutions to treatment and correctional concerns related to our court system. He is always willing to step-up and to serve on committees or help rally stake holders to analyze and solve problems. He helps bridge communication gap between opposing parties. He wants problems to be fixed without being distracted by who should get credit.

In his community of Marinette County, Jim is well-regarded for his legal work and his community volunteer work. He has a very pleasant and likeable personality. Most importantly, Jim works extremely hard as a circuit court judge to guarantee fairness for all parties in the court system.

If you have any specific questions for me on my support for Judge Morrison, please feel free to call me at

Sincerely,

Judge Vincent R. Biskupic

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May 19, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Recommendation of Judge James A. Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

It has come to my attention that Judge James Morrison is being considered for the vacancy created on the Wisconsin Supreme Court by Justice Prosser's retirement. I am writing you to recommend Judge Morrison with the greatest of confidence.

I am currently employed by the law firm of Everson, Whitney, Everson & Brehm, S.C. in Green Bay as a criminal defense attorney. Prior to my employment in that capacity I was a legal extern for a district attorney's office in the child services division and a student clerk for Federal Judge Gregory Frost in Columbus, Ohio.

I have represented clients in many cases before Judge Morrison in his time as Circuit Court Judge for Marinette County, including a jury trial and multiple testimonial hearings. He is consistently well prepared and knowledgeable about both the facts of the individual case and the law that will govern its outcome. I have found that, in addressing arguments from counsel on matters of law, he asks insightful questions that allow him to discern the appropriate application of the law to any given situation. In my recent jury trial he demonstrated fairness, impartiality and a deliberative discretion and control of how the case was presented to the jury.

Judge Morrison has the ability to examine a case critically and analytically at all stages of the process. He strikes an appropriate balance between both timely efficiency and substantive effectiveness in guiding the progress of cases on his docket. In other words, he allows sufficient time for a defendant to work with counsel to ensure that appropriate decisions are made and all constitutional protections are honored, while maintaining the appropriate amount of forward momentum to ensure that victim's and society's important interest in timely finality are respected. While he has certainly been willing to hand down tough sentences

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when appropriate, he has consistently treated my clients with appropriate respect and dignity at all stages of the process. In particular, I recall a case involving an older, disabled and retired Navy veteran who was convicted of a very minor criminal offense. I certainly will never forget the thoughtfulness, compassion and respect that Judge Morrison demonstrated in his tone and sentence in that matter.

On personal level I can tell you that it has been a pleasure to practice before Judge Morrison. Even in difficult and contentious cases he maintains a controlled courtroom that is respectful. I have found him more than approachable for advice and counsel throughout my time practicing before him.

I urge you to strongly consider his candidacy for Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I sincerely believe that he will be fair arbiter of justice for the people.

If you need any more information, please feel free to contact me at (920)435-3734 or via email at rpetrouske@eversonlaw.com.

Very truly yours,

EVERSON, WHITNEY, EVERSON & BREHM, S.C.

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#### 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:

I write this letter on behalf of Judge James Morrison, who seeks appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Judge Morrison has served as a Marinette County Circuit Court Judge for over four years, prior to which he practiced law for nearly 40 years. As a lawyer, he handled an extraordinary variety of litigation matters, giving Judge Morrison a great breadth of knowledge of the law.

In both private practice as well as during his judicial service, Judge Morrison has been a leader in the law. As an attorney, he demonstrated a strong commitment to providing pro bono legal services to charitable organizations and individuals unable to afford an attorney. His volunteer service on the investigation committee of the predecessor to the Office of Lawyer Regulation as well as his leadership on the Board of Bar Examiners is particularly useful experience for a Justice because the Supreme Court, among its other responsibilities, supervises and oversees these entities. Judge Morrison's dedication to improving the administration of justice in Wisconsin is evidenced by his leadership in establishing the drug court in Marinette County. Having personally observed Judge Morrison presiding in this court, I can attest to his firm but fair courtroom demeanor and excellent judicial temperament.

Judge Morrison is strongly committed to maintaining and promoting the proper role of the judiciary. He is a vocal advocate for the rule of law and for applying the law as it is written, setting aside his personal feelings. Judge Morrison is committed to upholding the text of the Wisconsin Constitution and the Constitution of the United States. He would contribute extensive knowledge of the law and a personable demeanor to the Supreme Court, for which I highly recommend him.

Sincerely.

Rebecca G. Bradley

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19 May 2016

RE: Judge James Morrison, Wl. Supreme Court Appointment for retiring Justice Prosser

Dear Governor Walker,

I write this letter in support of Marinette County Judge James Morrison for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I have known Judge Morrison for the past 2 years and have had the opportunity to speak with him regarding many issues. From these discussions, I believe that Jim has the experience as litigant, attorney, and currently Marinette County Circuit Court Judge for this important position with the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Judge Morrison has significant experience in his 30 plus years as an attorney. The breadth of work that he performed while representing his clients is important in determining his ability to handle cases on the high court. His ability to properly and accurately identify the course of action for clients based upon their exposure, and then creating the necessary strategy for the best outcome demonstrates his ability to create a complete picture of the situation from which he is required to judge. There is little that can be taught in text books that is more significant than actual experience "doing" and being accountable for the level of knowledge and preparation for a client. The fact that Jim faced only one issue resulting from a missed filing deadline demonstrates that he provided a reasonable service to his clients.

His experience as a litigant is also an important factor in how he views his own courtroom. There is nothing like being a litigant in a large-courtroom with an obviously important issue that is to be decided by strangers. Decisions that may determine the direction of life are important, and a judge with this type of experience *being* judged can only be of benefit to our high court.

As Marinette Circuit Court Judge, James Morrison has experienced the full range of life in rural America. He has listened, judged, guided, and been a problem solver for his community for 4 years. These are all attributes of Pillars of our communities.

Finally, Judge James Morrison has a judicial philosophy which is Constitutionally Correct. His understanding of the role of the court is clear, and that he is not to be a Super Legislature but someone that applies the laws as they are provided by the legislature. And, that the State and Federal Constitutions are to be interpreted as they were originally written.

It is for these reasons that I believe Judge James Morrison should be included in your decision for this appointment.

Best Regards,

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May 20, 2016

Governor Scott Walker 115 East Capitol Madison, WI 53702

RE: The Honorable James A. Morrison, Supreme Court Appointment Applicant

#### Governor Walker:

I wanted to write you regarding my opinion on the fitness of Judge James Morrison for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Judge Morrison has served the people of Marinette County as a circuit court judge for the last four years. Prior to that, James Morrison ran a successful firm representing the interests of businesses in Marinette County for over 30 years. Judge Morrison has always strived to reach the best possible decision while on the bench and I have always respected that despite often being on the other side of those decisions. It is clear that James Morrison cares about people and doing what is best for them and his community.

As the Attorney Manager of the Peshtigo Trial Office, I have personally worked with Judge Morrison on a number of initiatives in Marinette County. The proudest initiative I am happy to have worked with him on is the Marinette County Treatment Drug Court. Judge Morrison quickly saw that Marinette County's heroin problem was not getting any better despite being one of the harshest sentencing counties in the state for the delivery of heroin. Judge Morrison worked with state, county, and local representatives to convince the people of Marinette County that a drug treatment court was a path to better success for defendants, recidivism rates, and our state and county tax dollars. I have no doubt that Judge Morrison would bring a wealth of experience and leadership to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I highly recommend him for appointment.

Sincerely,

Bradley J Schraven

Attorney Manager, Peshtigo Trial Office



May 19, 2016

Honorable Governor Scott Walker 115 East Capitol Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor,

I write to you today to recommend Marinette County Circuit Judge, Jim Morrison, for appointment to the State Supreme Court.

Ten years ago, I first met Judge Morrison as a private practitioner in Marinette and he has continued to be a professional acquaintance through his role as circuit court judge. I can attest that Judge Morrison has a broad background in the law and firm adherence of our constitutional principles.

I have seen innovative work from Judge Morrison through his work with the Marinette County drug court. The drug court allows people to rehabilitate without being incarcerated, saving taxpayers money while, more importantly, leading offenders back to being productive members of society. Recognizing the constitution as the basis for our rule of law, Judge Morrison is tough but fair. He has the intellect to resolve modern and complex issues seen with the drug court and other areas of the law.

Judge Morrison respects and understands the constitution and will faithfully conduct his role as a State Supreme Court justice within the confines of our democratic republic. He would be an excellent selection for the State Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

State Senator

12th Senate District

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May 18, 2016

Office of Governor Scott Walker

115 East State Capitol

Madison, Wisconsin 53702

RE: Recommendation of Judge James Morrison for Wisconsin Supreme Court Appointment

#### Dear Governor Walker:

I have worked with Judge Morrison as a grader of bar examinations for individuals seeking to practice law in Wisconsin for the past seven years. During that time Judge Morrison chaired the Wisconsin Supreme Court Board of Bar Examiners, the oversight body responsible for vetting attorneys seeking admission to Wisconsin's Bar.

In my opinion, Judge Morrison is well qualified to fill the current vacancy on Wisconsin's Supreme Court. He is a hardworking, conservative judge who develops well-reasoned and thorough opinions on matters brought before him. Very importantly, he works diligently to build consensus among the bar examiners, despite their oft times differing assessments of bar candidates' work. He articulately and persuasively advances his opinions and actively listens to the opinions of others, respectfully challenging those opinions where there are differences. He possesses the judicial temperament needed to make him very effective as a Justice on Wisconsin's Supreme Court.

Judge Morrison merits serious consideration as a Justice for the current vacancy on Wisconsin's Supreme Court. Wisconsin would be well served by his appointment to this position.

Sincerely yours

Sigrid Dynek, Esq.



Honorable Scott Walker Governor state of Wisconsin 2222 Main St. Madison WI, 3333

Dear Governor Walker,

I respectfully submit my endorsement and recommendation of Marinette Circuit Court Judge Jim Morrison for consideration to Wisconsin's Supreme Court.

I have come to know Judge Morrison over several years and found his thinking, countenance and rulings to be consistent with what I would expect our judiciary to convey and that our founders had anticipated.

One of Judge Morrison's strongest attributes, one that we now have an opportunity to take advantage of, is his leadership and team building skills. He already enjoys a good working relationship with several of the Justices, already recognizes potential areas of enhanced cooperation, opportunities for esprit-de-core and public perception, and has demonstrated these cooperative skill-sets in transitioning and assuming his current position. To me, this is a critical time for this consideration, for the right leadership skills in this position now would go a long way in not only expediting case load but in demonstrating and reassuring the public that all three branches of Wisconsin government are effective, efficient and focused on service.

Judge Morrison's work on the Drug Court has been a model program. He has demonstrated an ability to coordinate and lead a team dealing with issues heretofore not imaginable. I have had the opportunity to sit with him through a day in Drug Court, I have toured the maximum security prison in Green Bay and the jails in our county. Criminal justice issues are a burgeoning challenge in Wisconsin as in the nation, Judge Morrison understands that unique issues require unique thinking.

Lastly, my understanding of Judge Morrison is a man who recognizes his role to adjudicate based on our constitution rather than his personal opinion. I have found him to be conservative in his beliefs that all citizens enjoy rights as individuals not as a collective. I have found him to be soft spoken, yet forthright with his team and defendants yet dedicated, factual and committed to problem solving in private. Please give Judge Morrison your strongest consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

John Macco Representative

Wisconsin's 88th Assembly District

## **GOV Judicial Appointments**

From:

Jerry A. Schmidt <Jerry.Schmidt@snbt.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 9:48 AM

To:

**GOV Judicial Appointments** 

Subject:

Supreme Court Application-James Morrison

#### To who it may concern:

Judge James Morrison would be an excellent Supreme Court appointment. He has served the people in Marinette County, Wisconsin with an impartial and utmost tireless attitude towards upholding his position in administrating the Laws of the State of Wisconsin.

His knowledge and fairness has made this County a better place to live for residents of the County. He is respected by his peers and would make an excellent choice as a Wisconsin Supreme Court Judge.

Thank You

#### Gerald A. Schmidt

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May 31, 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 Jim Morrison'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.

Judge Jim Morrison is someone I have known for over a decade. I first met him when he had his own legal practice and was very involved in the work I was doing at the time. Outside of the professional realm, I have also have grown to know him and his family well over the years.

During Judge Morrison's years of private practice, he was able to work in a wide variety of areas that required a valuable skill set and full understanding of how the law was applied. Now, as a Circuit Court Judge he listens to both sides of the case and rules according to the law as written.

He brings compassion and understanding to each case brought before him, and I am certain he would have the same decorum and good judgment serving on the Wisconsin State Supreme Court as he has shown during his time on the Circuit Court in Marinette County.

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 Judge Jim Morrison in his application and the appointment to fill the vacancy.

Regards,

Heather Weininger Executive Director, Wisconsin Right to Life Date: June 1, 2016

To: Chief Legal Counsel - State of Wisconsin

From: Susan Finco

Re: Supreme Court application—James Morrison

Dear Chief Legal Counsel and Judicial Appointments Panel;

I am writing to recommend Marinette Circuit Court Judge James A. Morrison for the State Supreme Court. It has been a pleasure knowing him on a professional level and working with him over the past 15+ years.

When Jim was a practicing attorney, we had several mutual clients and worked on a number of large projects together. He always displayed the utmost integrity and thoughtfulness while providing expert legal counsel. His breadth of legal knowledge was extremely valuable as was his willingness to work cooperatively with groups of people who often had diverse viewpoints.

I also got to know Jim through TEC (The Executive Committee); an organization that brings together business leaders for learning opportunities, networking and discussion. Again, his intellect and knowledge was a valuable asset as group members discussed a variety of challenges facing today's businesses.

As you go through your review and decision making process, I urge you to give serious consideration to Jim Morrison. He has the skills, background and ability to be an outstanding State Supreme Court Justice.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions about my letter of support.

Sincerely,
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## STATE OF WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT P.O. Box 1688 MADISON, WISCONSIN 53701

STATE CAPITOL, 16 EAST (608) 266-1884

June 17, 2016

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

Dear Governor Walker,

The purpose of this letter is to serve as a recommendation for the candidacy of Judge Jim Morrison for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I have been privileged to know Judge Morrison personally and professionally for about eight years.

At the time I first met him, Judge Morrison was an attorney in private practice and was also serving as Chairman of the Board of Bar Examiners. Judge Morrison was an extraordinarily talented lawyer. At his investiture to the circuit court, his best friend of some decades recounted how Judge Morrison had represented his small business in dozens of court cases and had never lost one. This is impressive for at least two reasons; the first regarding courtroom victory is obvious, the second, less so. In my observations, it takes a particularly skillful attorney to inspire the kind of trust and confidence in a client sufficient to lay the groundwork for a decades-long friendship. It's not unheard of, but neither is it common.

Judge Morrison is one of the most energetic, smart, and talented men I have ever met. When most people would still be hanging around a meeting after a decision was made, Judge Morrison is already halfway to accomplishing the goal. I may be exaggerating, but not by much. Not too long ago, I had the opportunity to attend a drug court graduation ceremony in Judge Morrison's courtroom. The work and diligence he has exercised in playing a crucial role in bringing about and guiding that court has been a great blessing, both to the individual participants and to the community as a whole. Judge Morrison has been, and I believe will continue to be, an efficient and effective agent for positive change and will bring this most valuable ability to our Court. Judge Morrison enjoys the confidence of our Court as evidenced by his recent appointment by this Court as Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District. In short, Judge Morrison will bring his impressive skills and passion for positive improvement to bear on the work of the Court.

Judge Morrison has consistently voiced a concern that judges follow—not create—the law, and Judge Morrison has applied the law with care during his time on the bench. I know that he has served the public well by not only being "tough but fair," but also by recognizing those cases in which a second chance is called for and then exercising the restraint and compassion necessary to effectuate that second chance to the people we are privileged to serve.

On a more personal note, I know that Judge Morrison and his wonderful wife have played an extensive role in the life of their community, participating in and often taking leadership roles in many community benefit organizations. I also know that Judge Morrison takes his faith very seriously; he views the opportunity to help others as nothing less than an obligation. Judge Morrison would be a tremendous blessing to our Court

Sincerely,

Hon. Michael J. Gableman



June 21, 2016

State Representative • 93rd Assembly District

Office of Governor Scott Walker Attn: Matt Van Asten 115 East Capitol Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Walker,

I write today to offer my sincere personal recommendation for the appointment of James Morrison, Marinette County Circuit Judge, to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Judge Morrison's experience on the Marinette County Circuit Court and his continued commitment to service will make a great addition to the state's Supreme Court.

After meeting with Judge Morrison, I am very impressed with his values, hard work ethic, and knowledge of the issues. In my opinion, he is an exceptional "out-state" nominee. Being that he is from northern Wisconsin, I believe his unique perspective on rural issues and understating of people living outside the Madison/Milwaukee area would be extremely beneficial to the people of Wisconsin. His pioneering work with Treatment Courts in the northern area has been effective in reducing recidivism and given men and women a chance to accountably rebuild their lives in the struggle from addiction to becoming responsible, tax-paying citizens of Wisconsin.

It is my pleasure to enthusiastically recommend James Morrison for appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (608) 266-0660. Thank you very much for your consideration on this matter.

State Representative
93rd Assembly District

## **GOV Judicial Appointments**

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Appointment of James Morrison to Supreme Court

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Robert J. Fink, M.D. 4420 Old School Court, Eau Claire, WI 54701

#### Dear Governor -

I have been a supporter of you in all of your past elections. I appreciate the good work you have done as our Governor. I have noticed that you now have an important job as the Governor coming up, that is the appointment of a Justice for the Supreme Court.

I have an opinion on that matter which I would appreciate that you consider. You appointed James Morrison as Judge in 2012. He has since run for election and won by a good margin. He has been a good Judge and his actions have been frequently quoted approvingly in the local press.

Judge Morrison has also been very active in the campaigns of Justice David Prosser, Chief Justice Patience Roggensack and recently Justice Rebecca Bradley. He has frequent contact and a good friendship with most of the Justices

I think he is very well informed and exercises good judgement. He has an intense interest in the Law. On a recent visit to London to visit his son, he took the time to attend an English trial. He was invited back to see the Judge in Chambers and the Judge called in the barristers for the Defense and the Prosecution to discuss British Law with him. Judge Morrison also met with the founder of the British Drug Court system. This indicates an above average interest in the legal process.

Judge Morrison has also been active in many community affairs. He is presently very active in a program for drug addicts.

Judge Morrison is very up to date in technology. He is well versed in computers, ipads, iphones, etc.

I believe Judge Morrison is in good health and as a doctor I believe his prognosis is to live to be 100 years ago. I am a retired pathologist, 92 years old, and Jim frequently discusses mutual problems in technology with me. I feel he has a sharp mind.

I must confess I am his father-in-law, but I don't think it influences my opinion on his ability. I have also been supportive of the campaigns of Justice Prosser, Chief Justice Roggensack and Justice Bradley.

Thank you for your time in considering my recommendation.

Sincerely, Dr. Robert J. Fink

PS I am attaching a copy of my upcoming invitation to the Justice Ziegler fundralser

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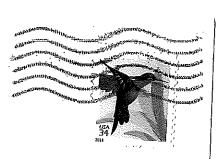
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