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## **Governor Walker Appoints Members to Judicial Selection Advisory Committee**

**Madison** – Governor Scott Walker named seven individuals to the Judicial Selection Advisory Committee today. In May, the Governor named Michael Brennan to serve as chairman.

“A fair and impartial judicial system is vital to our government,” said Governor Scott Walker. “We rely on our judges to be true to the rule of law and to use their power to secure justice, protect property rights, and preserve liberty for Wisconsin citizens. I’m thrilled that these qualified individuals have agreed to help our state find the very best attorneys to serve in our judiciary.”

### **Judicial Selection Advisory Committee**

#### **Donald A. Daugherty, Jr.**

Donald A. Daugherty, Jr. is the co-chairman of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C.’s Business Litigation Group. His practice has included representation of hospital and other health care providers, IT services companies, internet retailers and other eCommerce businesses, manufacturers, insurers, and financial institutions and other lenders. In addition to these qualifications, Mr. Daugherty has represented the State of Wisconsin as well as twenty-seven members of Congress before the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Daugherty earned his law degree from Northwestern University Law School and his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia.

#### **Katherine M. Longley**

Katherine M. Longley is an associate at Foley & Lardner LLP, where she is a member of the firm’s Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution Practice. Ms. Longley previously served as a law clerk to the

Honorable Diane Sykes on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Ms. Longley earned her law degree from Marquette University Law School and her undergraduate degree from Marquette University.

### **Gerardo H. Gonzalez**

Gerardo H. Gonzalez defends clients in litigation and directs the GSH Litigation Group. In addition, Mr. Gonzalez has founded organizations or programs and has served on boards and committees that promote diversity. He has held many leadership positions including: American Bar Association Minority Counsel Program – Steering Committee; appointed to the Committee on Judicial Election, a committee constituted by then Governor Tommy Thompson and Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson and designed a think tank to investigate ways to increase racial and ethnic diversity among Wisconsin judges. Mr. Gonzalez was also the recipient of the State Bar of Wisconsin President's Award in 2004. Mr. Gonzalez earned his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School and his B.B.A. in Finance and Marketing from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Business.

### **Lon E. Roberts**

Lon E. Roberts concentrates his practice for Ruder Ware in business and commercial law, primarily in the areas of corporate mergers and acquisitions, finance, lending and private equity capital transactions. Mr. Roberts is admitted to practice before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Mr. Roberts earned his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School and earned a B.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Wisconsin and the Marathon County Bar Association.

### **William T. Curran**

William T. Curran is an attorney at Curran, Hollenbeck & Orton, S.C. and specializes in business and personal injury trials, but his work also includes real estate, estate planning, municipal, probate and trusts. Mr. Curran earned his J.D. from Marquette University Law School and a B.S. in Business Administration from Marquette University.

**Eric M. McLeod**

Eric M. McLeod is a partner with Michael Best & Friedrich LLP who practices in areas of business and commercial litigation, land use litigation, and campaign finance and election law disputes. His appellate practice includes matters before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Wisconsin Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh and Eighth Circuits. Mr. McLeod earned his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School and a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Steven Gibbs**

Steven is currently practicing in the area of Criminal Defense, Personal Injury, Second Amendment Litigation (including criminal, civil and appeals), Civil Litigation, Appeals, Business, Municipal and Corporate Litigation, Probate, Family Law, Juvenile Law, Creditor & Debtor Law, Land Lord Tenant Law, Real Estate, Adoption, Will Contests, and General Practice for Hertel & Gibbs, S.C. He has worked as both a judicial staff attorney and district court referee, has practiced in both Wisconsin and Minnesota and got his law degree from Hamline University School of Law.

The Judicial Selection Advisory Committee was created by Governor Walker's Executive Order to help guide his judicial selection process and ensure that judges of the highest caliber who share a commitment to the rule of law are selected to serve Wisconsin. A copy of this executive order can be viewed at: <http://walker.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=21642&locid=177>.

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