

Clerk of Supreme Court - rules on recusal

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Wisconsin Supreme Court Justices:

I am encouraging you to change the rules on recusal. Citizens need some assurance that the justices of the Supreme Court are unbiased and nonpartisan. There needs to be one branch of government that views each case with unbiased eyes. So much of politics today is influenced by the amount of money contributed into campaign funds. Unfortunately, the courts seem to be going in the same direction. Special interests should not receive special treatment. My plan would include a ban on campaign funds for judges. The State would provide a set amount of money for each person running for election to the court. The candidate could use that money in any way to campaign for the position. This would remove the influence of money on elections to the bench. Many of the current problems we have today with partisanship can be traced to the "Citizens United" decision which should be reversed. The continued success of our democracy depends upon the removal of wealth as an influence on decision making. Judges should not be involved in deciding cases involving their campaign contributors.

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