

Clerk of Supreme Court - Judicial Recusal Rule Reform

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am requesting that the rules regarding judicial recusal be reformed. I believe a new standard should be established as to when a judge should be disqualified from a case after they have received a campaign contribution or other help from a group or an attorney. I also am asking that there be an amendment to the state Constitution allowing the court to appoint a state Court of Appeals judge to serve in place of a Supreme Court judge who has been dismissed.

Democracy is supposed to be for the people, by the people. Instead, money in elections has muddied the waters and citizens seem to get swept aside for the almighty dollar. I believe we are better than this. Please send the message to corporations, pacs, and other people who are willing to spend money on a candidate in return for favors, that Wisconsin democracy is not for sale.

Thank you,
Melissa Ratcliff
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