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Statement on Judicial Commission Nominees

"The only way Wisconsinites can keep faith in the judicial process is to ensure that judges and justices follow the rules when campaigning and deciding cases. The Wisconsin Judicial Commission's sole duty is to enforce the Judicial Rules of Conduct and attempt to sanction those that do not comply with the Code.

"Despite serving on the Judicial Commission for years, many of the Commissioner had no knowledge of Commission processes. The former chair didn't know how meetings were noticed, refused to tell the Senate who the current chair of the Commission was, didn't know what a walking quorum was, or if the Commission was subject to Open Meetings Laws. Others hid behind the Commission's confidentiality, or used technicalities and questionable methodology to justify decisions they made or will make. In many cases, they had apparently endorsed candidates for judicial office.

"The Judicial Commission must remain neutral, above partisanship, and enforce the law by following the law without bias. Even if the Wisconsin Supreme Court has taken a hard turn into politics and partisanship instead of law, the Judicial Commission must not.

"I encourage everyone to watch the hearings on WisconsinEye and draw their own conclusions."

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