

STATEMENT BY LINDA CLIFFORD

The Wisconsin Supreme Court needs the diversity that a practicing lawyer with 32 years of experience will bring to the bench. That is why I began running this summer for one of the Supreme Court's seven seats, and that is why I am today reiterating my intention to continue my campaign for the Court – for the election on April 3, 2007.

I began exploring the possibility of running for the Court in May, and that in turn led me to file a campaign committee on June 10. From that point, the number of my supporters statewide began to increase and so did their fund-raising efforts. On June 30, my campaign committee reported to the Elections Board a campaign balance of more than \$200,000 that now will expand as we continue this campaign.

My decision to run for the 2007 position has been made without regard to whether or not the incumbent or anyone else decides to run, just as my decision not to run for the 2006 position was made without regard to the campaign decisions of others. The demands of my law practice – and, not incidentally, a daughter's wedding – led to that choice.

I appreciate all of the expressions of support I've received from around the state, and I look forward to the campaign that continues today and will end 17 months from now on election day.

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