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Dear Commissioners:

The Wisconsin Ethics Board has recently completed an investigation into whether Judge Annette Ziegler may have violated Wisconsin's Code of Ethics for Public Officials. The Board found probable cause to believe that, by participating in cases involving West Bend Savings Bank, a corporation of which her spouse was a director, Judge Annette Ziegler's actions violated §19.46 (1) (a), *Wisconsin Statutes*. The Ethics Board has issued a complaint and scheduled the matter for a hearing on May 17, 2007 before reserve judge David Deininger.

The Ethics Board's investigation and complaint deal with the standards of conduct that *Wisconsin Statutes* establish for state government officials of all three branches. The Ethics Board examined Judge Ziegler's actions involving West Bend Savings Bank during the three most recent years. State statutes do not permit the Board to examine conduct prior to that time.

The Ethics Board urges the Judicial Commission to conduct its own review of Judge Ziegler's conduct and to make a determination about the application, if any, of the Supreme Court's rules to Judge Ziegler's officiating in cases involving businesses in which she or her family had a financial interest or of which her spouse was a director.

The Ethics Board in no way preempts the Judicial Commission's activity. We are forwarding to you the materials the Board has made public today.

Sincerely,  
WISCONSIN ETHICS BOARD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roth Judd', written over the typed name of the director.

Roth Judd, Director