

Crawford campaign: Susan Crawford announces bid for Dane County Circuit Court

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MADISON, WI. – Within a week of launching her campaign for Dane County Circuit Court judge, over 200 people have endorsed Susan Crawford’s candidacy, including sixteen judges, top elected officials, attorneys, activists and key political figures across Dane County.

“I hired Susan Crawford to take on tough jobs, from overseeing a massive criminal caseload as an Assistant Attorney General to serving as my Chief Legal Counsel in the Governor’s Office,” said Jim Doyle, former Governor and Attorney General of Wisconsin. “Susan is an exceptional lawyer who rises to every challenge with intellect, perseverance, and common sense. She will be an outstanding judge for the people of Dane County.”

“As your former County Executive, and as a lawyer myself, I know first-hand how important our judges are to protect our rights,” said Kathleen Falk, former Dane County Executive. “Susan Crawford has devoted her career to doing exactly that. Her work at the Pines Bach law firm taking on powerful interests, her work at the DNR protecting our natural resources, and her work at the Wisconsin Department of Justice will make her a great judge, serving all of us. I urge you to support Susan.”

As a partner at Pines Bach, Crawford has fought to protect citizens’ constitutional rights and other important public interests. She has defended voting rights in cases on behalf of the League of Women Voters. She won protection of women’s health

services on behalf of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin. Representing Madison Teachers, Inc, Crawford helped lead the legal challenge to Act 10. Crawford recently co-authored an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court opposing Wisconsin's gerrymandered legislative districts in *Gill v. Whitford*.

"I've known Susan Crawford for over ten years. She is not only a brilliant lawyer, but a kind, compassionate person with common sense and integrity. Susan will be a great judge with a commitment to justice for all," said Charles Tubbs, Sr., Dane County emergency manager and former Capitol Police Chief.

Long-serving Judge Richard Niess noted, "Susan Crawford's broad experience in civil litigation, criminal law, and public service will be a valuable addition to the Dane County Circuit Court. Her history of hard work, sound judgment, civility, and integrity have earned her the respect of lawyers and judges throughout the state. I am pleased to endorse her candidacy."

"I am honored and humbled by this overwhelming early display of support," said Crawford. "My goal is not only to be an excellent judge, but to work collaboratively to improve the justice system for all Dane County citizens." Crawford lives in Madison with her husband, Shawn Peters, and their two teenaged children. The Spring election will be held on April 3, 2018.