

Townsend campaign: Marilyn Townsend endorsed by seven union locals and The South Central Federation of Labor in campaign for Dane County Circuit Court

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Municipal Judge and Candidate for Dane County Circuit Court earns labor support in campaign for Dane County Circuit Court, Branch 1

Municipal Judge Marilyn Townsend has earned the endorsement of seven union locals as well as the South Central Federation of Labor (SCFL) in her campaign for Dane County Circuit Court.

Teamsters Local 695, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) 2304, IBEW Local 159, IBEW Local 965, Sheet Metal, Air, Rail Transportation (SMART) Local 565, SMART-Transportation Division, and United Steelworkers (USW) District 2 have all endorsed Townsend. They are joined by the South Central Federation of Labor AFL-CIO (SCFL), a 120 year old umbrella organization encompassing more than 100 affiliate unions and tens of thousands of workers in Dane and 10 other counties.

“At a time when many Wisconsin residents are losing faith in our judicial system, Judge Townsend’s service as a thoughtful and respected Municipal Judge, her values of integrity, fairness, and hard work and her commitment to equal justice under the law make her the best choice for Dane County Circuit Court,” said Kevin Gundlach,

Executive Director of SCFL.

“The United Steelworkers are proud to endorse a candidate who will bring fairness and integrity to the Dane County Circuit Court. Judge Townsend’s commitment to fight for an impartial and accessible court system is the key to providing stability and protection for Wisconsin’s citizens, as every decision affects those living in the state,” said Michael Bolton, Director, United Steel Workers, District 2.

“Judge Townsend’s past and present commitment to labor and support for the working class has earned the respect of our members” noted Craig Peachy, State Director, SMART Transportation Division

Municipal Judge Marilyn Townsend has overseen and decided more than 3,000 cases, presided over trials, decided issues of law, and earned a reputation as an impartial and conscientious judge. An attorney for more than 35 years, she has focused on representing individuals in civil rights and employment cases. In May 2017, she won a unanimous decision in the Wisconsin Supreme Court (Operton v. LIRC) in a groundbreaking case to restore unemployment benefits to her client, a decision that will benefit workers statewide.

Judge Townsend is endorsed by 40 judges including Judge JoAnne Kloppenburg, Judge Paul Higginbotham, and Judge John Hyland, and more than 635 other endorsers including attorneys, elected officials and community leaders: Russ Feingold, former Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager, former Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton, Former Governors Tony Earl and Martin Schreiber, Dane County Board Chair Sharon Corrigan and 12 other Dane County Board Supervisors and Madison City Council President Marsha Rummel and six other Madison Alders. A complete list can be found at www.marilyntownsendforjudge.com