

# Schachtner campaign: Endorsement from long-serving Republican District Attorney

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SOMERSET – Today, former Republican St. Croix County District Attorney Eric Johnson announced his endorsement of Senator Patty Schachtner.

Eric was first elected as Pierce County's District Attorney in 1984 at just 26 years old. He was then appointed as St. Croix County's District Attorney by Governor Tommy Thompson in 1989 and re-elected 12 times until his retirement in 2016. During his 27 years as Wisconsin's longest serving District Attorney, he often worked alongside Patty as she served in St. Croix County's Medical Examiner's Office.

"I have seen Patty's commitment to Northwestern Wisconsin firsthand and I'm proud to endorse her in her bid for re-election to the state Senate," said Eric. "Like me, Patty has always fought for what is right, regardless of political party. Patty and I worked closely together for years to expand mental health treatment options and she has continued that work in the Senate. She has served our communities well and I am proud to stand with her."

As issues of drug addiction and suicide became more prevalent in the county, Eric supported Patty's efforts to pursue a Mental Health First Aid Instructor certification so she could help keep more people safe. Together, Patty and Eric have also collaborated on mental health diversion and treatment programs in the county including Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT). St Croix County is a leader in utilizing MRT as a treatment for criminal offenders to reduce recidivism rates.

“Eric and I know that good solutions are found when we work across the aisle, and we’ve proven that time and again,” said Patty. “He knows what it takes to keep our communities secure and successful in Northwestern Wisconsin, and I am honored to have his support.”

To learn more about Patty, visit [pattyforsenate.com](http://pattyforsenate.com).