

Institute for Reforming Government: Anthony LoCoco joins IRG as Chief Legal Counsel & Director of Oversight

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MADISON, WI. – Today, the Institute for Reforming Government announced the hiring of **Anthony LoCoco, J.D.**, to join the team as **Chief Legal Counsel & Director of Oversight**. LoCoco, a graduate of Harvard Law School and former Deputy Counsel at the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, will lead IRG’s state government oversight efforts, and help deliver real transparency and accountability for the people of Wisconsin.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Anthony to the IRG’s senior leadership team. His experience and expertise in Wisconsin law will be a vital asset to our growing work on oversight and rooting out the sources of dysfunction in state government. Under Anthony’s leadership, IRG will lead the state in promoting transparency and empowering citizens and lawmakers with information to hold the executive branch and its bureaucratic agencies accountable.”

- CJ Szafir, CEO of the Institute for Reforming Government.

During his time at WILL, Anthony contributed to many significant litigation victories, including:

- *Bartlett v. Evers*, which imposed substantive limits on Governor Evers’ partial veto authority;
- *James v. Heinrich*, which overruled a Madison health officer’s attempt to shut down private schools in response to COVID-19;
- *Johnson v. Wisconsin Elections Commission*, in which the Supreme Court of

- Wisconsin engaged in redistricting for the first time in decades; and
- *Hunter Nation v. Department of Natural Resources*, which forced DNR to comply with its statutory obligation to hold a gray wolf hunt.

"I'm excited to join the growing IRG team and to lead the organization's new center for investigative oversight. I look forward to helping our legislature reinvigorate its oversight activities and to keeping Wisconsin government transparent and accountable." - **Anthony LoCoco, Chief Legal Counsel & Director of Oversight at the Institute for Reforming Government.**

About Anthony: Anthony LoCoco is a graduate of Harvard Law School (J.D.) and the University of Dallas (B.A., summa cum laude, in Economics). While at Harvard, Anthony completed internships at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, the Milwaukee County Circuit Court, the Massachusetts Land Court, and Sidley Austin LLP. Following law school, Anthony clerked for now-Chief Justice Ziegler of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin for two terms, worked as a business lawyer at Foley & Lardner LLP, and then spent over five years litigating in defense of individual liberties and the rule of law at the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty.

He currently serves as Vice President of the Milwaukee Lawyers Chapter of the Federalist Society and is a member of the Board of Governors of the St. Thomas More Lawyers Society of Wisconsin. He and his wife Angela live in the Milwaukee area and are the proud parents of four children.

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Along with LoCoco and Szafir, IRG's full-time team includes: Chris Reader, Executive Vice President; Madison Hartmann, Director of External Affairs; Quinton Klabon, Senior Research Director; Elizabeth Evenson, Senior Policy and Operations Advisor; Patrick Hughes, Public Policy Analyst; Alex Ignatowski, Director of State Budget and Government Reform; and Courtney Mullen, Director of Outreach and Rural Coalitions.