

Supreme Court of Wisconsin: Accepts three cases at recent conferences

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Madison, Wisconsin (March 9, 2026) – The Wisconsin Supreme Court recently voted to accept three cases, and the Court acted to deny review in a number of other cases at its December 5, 2025 and January 7, 2026 conferences. The case numbers, counties of origin and the issues presented in granted cases are listed below. More information about pending appellate cases can be found on the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Access [website](#). Published Court of Appeals opinions can be found [here](#), and the status of pending Supreme Court cases can be found [here](#).

No. 2022AP431 Wisconsin State Legislature v. Kaul
Supreme Court case type: Petition for Review
Court of Appeals: District II
Circuit Court: Polk County, Judge Jeffery L. Anderson, reversed.

Long caption: Wisconsin State Legislature, Plaintiff-Appellant-Cross-Respondent-Respondent, Adam Jarchow, Plaintiff-Co-Appellant-Cross-Respondent, v. Josh Kaul and Kathy

Koltin Blumenfeld, Defendants-Respondents-Cross-Appellants-Petitioners.

Issue(s) presented:

1. Through 2017 Wisconsin Act 369, the Wisconsin Legislature amended Wis. Stat. § 165.10 to require the Department of Justice to “deposit all settlement funds into the general fund.” Does the department “deposit all settlement funds into the general fund” when it places moneys received from the settlements into program revenue appropriations in the general fund?
2. If the court determines that Wis. Stat. § 165.10 and § 20.906(1) should be interpreted not to prohibit the attorney general from crediting settlement funds into the appropriation under Wis. Stat. § 20.455(3)(g) authorize the crediting of civil action settlement proceeds to that appropriation? In other words, do the services rendered by the Department of Justice personnel in litigating a civil action on behalf of the State of Wisconsin or an executive branch agency constitute “proceeds from services” under Wis. Stat. § 20.455(3)(g)? [Issue added by grant order]

No. 2023AP36 Wisconsin Voter Alliance v. Secord

Supreme Court case type: Petition for Review

Court of Appeals: District II

Circuit Court: Walworth County, Judge David W. Paulson.

Long caption: Wisconsin Voter Alliance and Ron Heuer, Petitioners-Appellants-Petitioners, v.

Kristina Secord, Respondent-Respondent- Respondent.

Issue(s) presented:

1. Because the Notices of Voting Eligibility are not a court’s underlying determination “pertinent to a finding of [an individual’s] competency,” but communications regarding the individual’s right to vote after a competency hearing, are the Notices subject to disclosure under the Wisconsin Public Records Act?
2. Whether the district court should have granted a petition for a writ of mandamus when documents sought under Wisconsin’s Public Records Law, such as Notices of Voting Eligibility, are public information subject to disclosure.

No. 2023AP498 Brekke v. Midwest Medical Ins.

Supreme Court case type: Certification
Court of Appeals: District II

Circuit Court: Winnebago County, Judge Scott C. Woldt.
Long caption: Charlie May Brekke, Plaintiff-Appellant, v. Midwest Medical Ins. Co.
and Craig
M. Batley, D.O., Defendants-Respondents.

Issue(s) presented:

1. Whether an unborn child (or any minor child) is a patient under Wis. Stat. § 448.30 and thus entitled to informed consent with the independent right to pursue legal action against a physician who fails to comply with said statute.

Review denied: The Supreme Court denied review in the following cases. As the state's law-developing court, the Supreme Court exercises its discretion to select for review only those cases

that fit certain statutory criteria (see Wis. Stat. § 809.62). Except where indicated, these cases

came to the Court via petition for review by the party who lost in the lower court:

Ashland County
2023AP2029-CR State v. McCulloch

Barron County
2023AP99-CR State v. Brunette

Brown County
2022AP1480-CR State v. Kelsey

Buffalo County
2023AP1206-CR State v. Lyon

Columbia County
2024AP19-CR State v. Valdovinos

Crawford County

2025AP302 Crawford County v. M.W.

Dane County
2024AP79-CR State v. Johnson

2025AP1022-W Cuesta v. Circuit Court for Dane County

Douglas County
2024AP30-CR State v. Hall

Grant County
2023AP2260-CR State v. Guolee

Marathon County
2023AP1628 State v. Zastrow

Marinette County
2025AP440-CR State v. A.M.N.

Milwaukee County
2023AP401-CR State v. Rivera-Gonzalez

[Justice J.C. Protasiewicz did not participate]

2024AP38
2024AP39
2024AP40

State v. Addison

2024AP233-CR
2024AP234-CR

State v. Reel

2025AP808-W King v. Circuit Court for Milwaukee County

[Writ of Mandamus]

2025AP1345-W Gardipee v. Circuit Court for Milwaukee County

[Writ of Habeas Corpus]

2025AP2431-W

2025AP2432-W

Gardipee v. Gingerich

[Supervisory Writ]

2025AP2126-W Bowers v. Circuit Court for Milwaukee County

[Writ of Mandamus]

2022AP762-CR State v. Ferguson

2023AP338 State v Thao

2023AP857 State v. Tipton

2023AP1388-CR

2023AP1389-CR

State v Dixon

2023AP1570 State v. Willis

2024AP551 State v. S.L.L.

2025AP537-W Augoki v. Circuit Court for Milwaukee County

[Supervisory Writ]

2025AP1214 State v. G.W.

2025AP1262-W Olson v. Circuit Court for Milwaukee County

[Supervisory Writ]

2025AP1605-W

2025AP1623-W

Petitioner v. Court of Appeals, District I

[Supervisory Writ]

2024AP2620-W Smith v. Johnson

Oneida County

2022AP647-CR State v. LaRose

Ozaukee County

2024AP293-CR State v. Phillips

2024AP1444 State v. Elsilá

2025AP1673-W

2025AP1675-W

2025AP1676

Friedman v. Circuit Court for Ozaukee County
[Supervisory Writ]

Portage County

2025AP1330 Portage County Health and Human Services

Department v. Z.D.R.

Price County

2024AP1140 Price County Department of Human Services v. L.C.B.

Racine County

2024AP191-CR State v. Pearson-Robb

2023AP2165 State v. Jackson

2024AP326-CR State v. Wright

2024AP664 Jenkins v. Village of Yorkville

2024AP675-CR State v. Werlein

2025AP758-FT Racine County v. D.S.

Walworth County

2023AP2108-CR State v. DeHart

Washington County

2023AP284-CR State v. Shaw

Waukesha County

2024AP691-CR State v. Solom

2024AP1976-CR State v. Sobotik

2025AP55 Cerny v. WEC

[Bypass Petition]

Winnebago County

2023AP1187 Ciamarichello v. Community First Credit Union

2024AP968-CR State v. Yao

2024AP1333 Winnebago County v. J.S.