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JUSTICE DANIEL KELLY ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN FOR THE SUPREME COURT

Madison—Today Justice Daniel Kelly announced his campaign to serve the people of Wisconsin for a full ten-year term on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Appointed to the Court in 2016, Justice Kelly asks voters for their support at the ballot box in April 2020.

Justice Daniel Kelly: “It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve the people of Wisconsin on their Supreme Court. Three years ago, I started a conversation about the type of person the people of this State want on their Supreme Court. They told me they have two expectations of their justices. First, they want them to be faithful to the Constitution — the Constitution as it is, not as they might wish it to be. And that means simply applying the law as we receive it from their legislators, without second-guessing the effectiveness or prudence of those laws. And second, they want us to remember we are their servants, and they are our bosses.

“Because Wisconsinites are the best bosses a guy could want, I am announcing today that I am seeking their permission to serve 10 more years on the Supreme Court. My campaign will largely be a continuation of the conversation I started three years ago, but with one addition. I will be asking the people of Wisconsin to compare my work against what they have told me they want to see in a justice of their court. If they find that I have been a satisfactory servant, I will ask them to join me in spreading this conversation all across Wisconsin. And then, when April 7, 2020, arrives, I’ll ask that they support me in the voting booth, and grant me permission to serve them for 10 more years.”

Joining Justice Kelly at today’s announcement at the State Capitol in Madison were Justice Rebecca Bradley, Justice-elect Brian Hagedorn, and Retired Justice David Prosser. Retired Justice Jon Wilcox is also endorsing Justice Kelly’s bid for a full term on the Court.

Justice Rebecca Bradley: “I have had the honor of serving on the Wisconsin Supreme Court with Justice Kelly for several years and enthusiastically endorse his continued service to the people of Wisconsin. Justice Kelly demonstrates a deep dedication to the rule of law and faithfully defends the Constitution. Possessing an exceptional judicial temperament, Justice Kelly promotes collegiality among his colleagues. Justice Kelly’s work on the State’s highest

court is recognized for its principled adherence to saying what the law is, and not what he may wish it to be.”

Justice-elect Brian Hagedorn: "Justice Kelly embodies the kind of principled decision-making we all want on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. He knows his job is to say what the law is, not what he thinks the law should be. Justice Kelly's commitment to the Constitution and the Rule of Law is second only to his commitment to his faith and his family. Justice Kelly is an able leader, a faithful judge, and a good man. We need him on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and he has my full support."

Retired Justice David Prosser: "Justice Daniel Kelly has served with scholarship and distinction on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. I support him because his steady presence is needed on the Court."

Justice Daniel Kelly was appointed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court by Governor Scott Walker in August 2016. He has reviewed over 3,000 cases as a justice and authored scores of published opinions. He previously spent twenty years in private practice, including as a partner at a respected Milwaukee law firm and as general counsel to a local foundation. He is a graduate of Carroll College (now University) and Regent University Law School. He and his college sweetheart Elisa have been married thirty years. Parents of five children, they live in North Prairie, Waukesha County.

You can find Justice Kelly on Twitter at @JusticeDanKelly.

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