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State Bar of Wisconsin Statement on New Chief Justice

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Madison, WI – The State Bar of Wisconsin welcomes Chief Justice Annette Ziegler as she begins her term as leader of the Wisconsin court system. We look forward to her leadership and continuing to work with all seven justices to further our common goal of strengthening the relationship between the bench and the bar, advancing public trust of the legal profession, and promoting a high-functioning justice system.

We also extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to Chief Justice Patience Roggensack for her leadership during her three terms. In particular, Chief Justice Roggensack led the court system through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic to keep it operational and justice moving forward. We also want to thank her for her advocacy in advancing research to ensure best practices are implemented including the use of business courts, and treatment courts across Wisconsin. We look forward to working with her in the years to come.

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