

Statement of Judge Audrey Skwierawski

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For the past 30 years, I have worked hard every day to deliver justice for the people of Wisconsin, as a local prosecutor, as an assistant attorney general, and as a judge.

When I was asked to continue that mission as interim Director of State Courts, I carefully read the relevant statutes, ethics opinions, and cases to ensure I met the qualifications. I consulted numerous colleagues, attorneys, judges, about the challenges of our system — so that I bring more than my own experience.

And I consulted legal experts to ensure that as a judge, I could serve in this position. Based on all those conversations, and in large part on the ethics opinion by my former boss, Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen, I believe that serving as interim director is legally, ethically, and constitutionally sound.

More than that, it is my honor and privilege to answer this call to serve the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and our Circuit Courts, and to work alongside the hundreds of judges, commissioners, court reporters and staff members who strive each day to make real the promises of our justice system for the people of Wisconsin.