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Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association PAC Endorses Judge Mike Gableman for Wisconsin Supreme Court

CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI. --- The Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association Political Action Committee placed its full and powerful support behind Burnett County Circuit Judge Mike Gableman today when it endorsed his candidacy for a position on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

"Mike Gableman is an extremely hard working, but fair, judge," said Ozaukee County Sheriff Maury Straub.

- For example, during the last five-plus years on the bench, Judge Gableman presided over nearly 23,000 cases.
- Only 44 of those cases were appealed, and
- Just five of the nearly 23,000 decisions were reversed outright, a mere .02 percent.

"It is obvious that Judge Gableman adheres to the law, not any personal political agenda," said Straub, who also serves as vice-president of the Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association (WSDSA). "Judge Gableman has not and will not legislate from the bench of Wisconsin's highest appellate court, as some might want him to do.

"Unlike some folks in the judicial arena, Judge Gableman understands that it is law enforcement's job to protect society on a daily basis from violent sexual predators, drug pushers, and a whole host of other extremely bad actors" said Straub, the veteran sheriff from southeastern Wisconsin.

- He has tried diverse cases dealing with arson, sexual assault, domestic violence, and white collar crimes.
- Over the years he demonstrated that he has been the guy who gets results for the general public interest by protecting our families, neighborhoods, schools, and communities."

"Further more, Wisconsin voters can trust that Judge Gableman won't look for loopholes for criminals to wiggle through," said Sheriff Straub.

- At the same time Judge Gableman has been recognized over the years for developing innovative programs which emphasize personal responsibility and maximize accountability, like the Inmate Community Service and Restorative Justice Programs.
- Judge Gableman also knows the value of operating a county drug and alcohol court.

"We're also highly impressed with Judge Mike Gableman's extensive prior law enforcement experiences as a criminal prosecutor," said Sheriff Straub.

- As a former front-line prosecutor in Ashland, Langlade and Marathon counties, Mike Gableman has vast experience fighting violent crime.

Mike Gableman also served as a law clerk for the United States Attorney's Office, where he helped prepare federal criminal cases for prosecution and defend the government's arguments on appeal.

- Upon graduation from law school he also clerked for judges in Brown County, WI.

"Mike Gableman has the support of 51 of Wisconsin's 72 county sheriffs – including both Democrats and Republicans - from every corner of Wisconsin. Mike has earned our highest respect, and we proudly add our stamp of approval as well," Straub said.

- This is on top of thousands of local, state and federal rank and file correctional officers, deputies, troopers, wardens, and other law enforcement officers supporting Gableman.
- Mike Gableman has also earned the respect of a clear majority of Wisconsin's district attorneys, a total of 37, and numerous other judges and police chiefs from through out our state.

Straub noted that after Judge Gableman was appointed to the Burnett County Circuit Court in 2002 he was overwhelmingly elected to the bench in 2003 with 78% of the vote. Sheriff Straub went on to say that "as our next Supreme Court Justice, Judge Gableman will work in a collegial manner with other members of the court to provide a fair, but firm, judicial system that will result in helping law enforcement to keep Wisconsin communities safe."

Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association, with over 3,000 members, is the largest county law enforcement association in the state. WSDSA has been serving law enforcement and the public for over 55 years. Its purpose is to promote the general public welfare in the State of Wisconsin through the cooperation of Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs and Jail Officers in the performance of their daily duties.