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## **Prosecutors say Judge Gableman Best Choice for Supreme Court**

*Law enforcement's choice for Supreme Court picks up 5 more front-line prosecutors*

[Burnett County, Wisc....] Judge Gableman's campaign for Supreme Court today announced the endorsements of 5 front-line prosecutors as his campaign adds to the growing list of law enforcement officials backing the Burnett County Circuit Court Judge for the state's highest court.

Sauk County District Attorney Pat Barrett was joined by 4 Assistant District Attorneys in announcing their support of Judge Gableman. Judge Gableman has nearly twice as many endorsements from district attorneys as his opponent, incumbent Justice Louis Butler.

"I'm honored to have the support of Pat and a bi-partisan majority of district attorneys from all corners of Wisconsin," Judge Gableman said. "As a former district attorney, I appreciate the difficult job they do to administer justice and protect our families. Law enforcement, like many people, understands the importance of this race and the stark contrast in judicial philosophies between me and my opponent."

Joining Sauk County District Attorney Pat Barrett in announcing their endorsements of Judge Gableman were 4 front-line prosecutors;

- Thomas Coaty, Brown County Assistant District Attorney
- Daniel Gabler, Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorney
- Amy Flottmeyer, Monroe County Assistant District Attorney
- Bruce Becker, Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorney

Judge Gableman is the only candidate for the Supreme Court with prosecutorial experience. His opponent was a long-time criminal defense lawyer who ran for the Court in 2000 and lost by a 2-1 margin. He was appointed to the Court in 2004.

Butler's appointment to the Court and subsequent activist votes have resulted in a series of controversial criminal case rulings and opinions, as well as establishing a record that includes voting with criminals in nearly 60 percent of the cases before the Supreme Court:

***State v. Stenklyft:*** Butler's vote reversed a state law that gave prosecutors the right to veto an inmate's petition for early release. The ruling prohibits prosecutors from using this tool to keep violent criminals, drug dealers, sex offenders and other criminals from being released early.