



For Immediate Release: March 10, 2008
Contact: Darrin Schmitz (608) 661-0777

Nearly Twice As Many DA Endorsements For Gableman As Butler

Grant County District Attorney and Two Assistant District Attorney Latest to Endorse Gableman

[Burnett County, Wisc....] Judge Gableman's campaign for Supreme Court already has more than 10 times as many sheriff endorsements than his opponent and now the number of district attorneys endorsing the Burnett County Judge is roughly twice as many as the incumbent Justice.

Grant County District Attorney Lisa Riniker became the 38th district attorney to endorse Judge Gableman. The Grant County District Attorney was joined by two Assistant District Attorneys in announcing their support of Judge Gableman.

"District attorneys are an integral component in Wisconsin's fight against crime. I'm thankful for their endorsements and the overwhelming support I have from the law enforcement community," Judge Gableman said.

Joining Grant County District Attorney Lisa Riniker in announcing their endorsements of Judge Gableman were two additional front-line prosecutors;

- Kurt F. Klomberg Assistant District Attorney, Dodge County
- James T. Sempf Assistant District Attorney, Dodge County

Judge Gableman is the only candidate for the Supreme Court with prosecutorial experience. His opponent, Louis Butler, 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. In fact, studies have shown that Butler sides with criminals in nearly 60 percent of the cases taken up by the Supreme Court. Just one example is:

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.

--30--