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NRA Political Victory Fund and Wisconsin Rifle & Pistol Association Endorse Judge Gableman for Supreme Court

[Burnett County, Wisc...] Judge Gableman's campaign for Supreme Court today announced the endorsements of the National Rifle Association (NRA) Political Victory Fund and the Wisconsin Rifle & Pistol Association (WRPA).

Eric Obermeyer, President of the Wisconsin Rifle & Pistol Association, said Judge Gableman is the candidate with best record of applying the plain language of the law and interpreting the Constitution according to its text – instead of legislating from the bench.

“Wisconsin's sportsmen and women are thankful that Judge Gableman represents a consistent, fair, and balanced approach to applying the law and interpreting the Constitution,” said Obermeyer. “Our state's long and proud sporting traditions are enjoyed by families all across Wisconsin. The WRPA is pleased to support his message of not legislating from the bench and endorses his candidacy for the Supreme Court.”

Gableman for Supreme Court campaign consultant Darrin Schmitz said the endorsement of both these groups sends a clear message to millions of sporting families across the state about which candidate best respects individual rights and the Constitution. Gov. Jim Doyle, an ardent opponent of a Constitutional amendment to protect the right to keep and bear arms, appointed Louis Butler to the Supreme Court in 2004.

“Judge Gableman respects individual freedoms and our state and federal Constitutions,” Schmitz said. “The last thing Wisconsin families want to see is an activist Justice declaring open season on gun rights and eroding our sporting traditions.”

Judge Gableman is the only candidate for the Supreme Court with prosecutorial experience. He is endorsed by a bi-partisan majority of sheriffs and district attorneys, as well as the Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs' Association, more than 50 police chiefs and numerous assistant district attorneys and judges. 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.

Judge Gableman was appointed Burnett County Circuit Court in 2002 and was overwhelmingly elected to the bench in 2003 with 78% of the vote. Prior to his experience on the bench, Judge Gableman was appointed District Attorney for Ashland County (1999) by Governor Tommy G. Thompson and subsequently won election to the position. As District Attorney, he was the lead prosecutor on cases as diverse as arson, sexual assault, domestic violence, and white collar crimes. He also served as a front-line prosecutor in Marathon County (1997-1999) and Langlade County (1996-1997) as an Assistant District Attorney.

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