

Hon. Douglas R. Edelstein

April 21, 2024

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Re: Letter of Support for Judicial Appointment

To the Governor's Judicial Selection Advisory Committee:

Please accept this letter in support of the appointment of Attorney David Maas for the judicial vacancy in Waukesha County. Attorney Maas presents with the requisite character and qualifications for this role, and I wholly endorse his consideration for this appointment. Of emphasis, Attorney Maas has strengths as an experienced prosecutor and demonstrates a sound demeanor in his approach towards the administration of justice.

During Attorney Maas' assignment to my branch in Fond du Lac County, he has proven to be an experienced prosecutor with extensive knowledge of criminal law, in particular with fourth amendment issues. As is the local practice of Fond du Lac County, prosecutors are routinely required to prepare for multiple cases for trial for any one trial date. Attorney Maas excels in managing a large caseload while also being prepared for trials. Attorney Maas calmly manages a large caseload through all stages of litigation. As a trial attorney, Attorney Maas has a deep understanding of the rules of evidence, which is an important foundation for any circuit court judge.

Attorney Maas is also a member of the Fond du Lac County Drug Court team, to which I am also assigned. Each week Attorney Maas engages with drug court participants and encourages offenders not only to engage in treatment, but also to make better life decisions. Attorney Maas cares about offering rehabilitation services to offenders in need of AODA based treatment. To this end, Attorney Maas appreciates the "big picture" in offering rehabilitation to offenders, as much as he appreciates the need to hold violent offenders accountable for the protection of the community. This even-balanced approach is of immense importance to those serving on the bench.

Attorney David Maas brings experience, as well the proper demeanor to serve others as a circuit court judge. Without question, Waukesha County and the citizens of Wisconsin would benefit through the appointment of David Maas to the bench. I respectfully request his fullest consideration for this important position within the community.

Sincerely,

/e/ signed Douglas R. Edelstein
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Governor Tony Evers
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RE: David Maas

Dear Judicial Selection Advisory Committee:

The purpose of this letter is to strongly recommend that Attorney David Maas be appointed to serve as a Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge.

I have had the privilege of knowing David for the past 10 years. He is thoughtful, humble, and hardworking. I am impressed by his common sense, wisdom, and empathy for people. Attorney Maas is nationally recognized for his leadership in the areas of digital data, digital evidence, and technology in the courtroom.

Since February 2020, the Wisconsin judiciary offers a three-day Digital Evidence Bootcamp educational program to selected judges across the State. Attorney Maas is an important part of our faculty and leadership team. He has developed the curriculum and delivered presentations to Wisconsin judges on cutting-edge legal issues and new technology. The Wisconsin judges consistently give Attorney Maas the highest ratings and request more opportunities to learn from him.

Attorney Maas is extremely hard working, is a great communicator, is passionate about public service, and is committed to excellence in everything he does. He is intelligent, analytical, smart, and is an exceptional trial lawyer. He has excellent courtroom presence and demeanor. Most impressive is his integrity and his unwavering commitment to excellence and fairness.

In addition, Attorney Maas is a great person that focuses on family and the community. He is an emerging leader in Wisconsin's legal community. He is well-respected and trusted by judges throughout Wisconsin.

Attorney Maas has the personal characteristics and the professional experience to be an outstanding member of Wisconsin's Judiciary. I look forward to having him as a colleague and I expect he will serve many years on the bench with distinction, leadership, and integrity.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like more information.

Very truly yours,

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April 22, 2024

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Dear Governor Evers:

Please accept this letter of recommendation on behalf of David Maas for the position of Circuit Court Judge for Waukesha County.

I have had the pleasure of working with David for many years. My observations are that David is fair, level-headed and respectful of everyone. These traits will serve him well as a Circuit Court Judge.

I was impressed greatly by the leadership and skill he demonstrated while working at the Department of Justice. David acquired knowledge and expertise in prosecuting internet crimes and crimes involving electronic communications. He then shared his knowledge, training police and prosecutors all around the state. He is known as the source to go to when questions and issues arise. He is well-respected and dependable. David also developed several warrants and subpoenas which he distributed for all to use and they continue to be relied on statewide as accurate and thorough templates for accessing electronic communication records.

Also while at DOJ, David instructed on many topics and was always easy to understand and engaging. I have seen him present many times. Most recently, David trained new prosecutors on litigation skills. With his many years in the courtroom and wide variety of cases handled, he was easily able to guide the new prosecutors and provide them with valuable insight and direction. Some of the ADA's working for me attended his training and reported they learned a lot and appreciated his wisdom and approach to trial work.

I know David to have the necessary skills to be a good judge. He has the ability to communicate effectively and exercises sound judgment. I know he will be fair in his approach to cases and apply the law as written.

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I highly recommend David Maas for the position of Circuit Court Judge for Waukesha County. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Susan L. Opper

Susan L. Opper
District Attorney
Waukesha County

April 24, 2024

Governor's Judicial Selection Advisory Committee

Re: Letter of recommendation in support of David Maas's application for the office of Waukesha County Circuit Court judge.

Dear Committee Members:

I write on behalf of Fond du Lac County Assistant District Attorney David Maas's application for gubernatorial appointment to the office of Waukesha County Circuit Court judge. I have had the pleasure of knowing Attorney Maas for nearly 12 years, since we served together as Assistant Attorneys General at the Wisconsin Department of Justice. I support his judicial application because he possesses the qualities and attributes that would make an exceptional jurist.

Attorney Maas is a skilled practitioner. When I served as Civil Chief Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, I observed first-hand his legal work with the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Division of Criminal Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and U.S. Attorney's Office as part of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force. Among other things, Attorney Maas collaborated in writing highly complex search warrants for digital evidence – based upon legal theories he developed and strategies he recommended – that resulted in disclosure of the facts upon which charges were eventually based. The warrants went largely unchallenged, despite being the cornerstone of several high profile federal prosecutions.

Attorney Mass is an excellent colleague. As a fellow manager at DOJ, my team benefitted from Attorney Maas's experience and willingness to assist and collaborate. When I was the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Unit, for example, my team regularly consulted with Attorney Maas, picking his brain about how to optimally investigate and prosecute complex white collar crimes. Although there were dozens of other AAGs in the department with strong prosecutorial credentials, I sought out Attorney Maas because of his demeanor: approachable, collaborative, and patient.

Attorney Maas is a skilled legal writer. I was appointed to serve as a Dane County Circuit Court Judge in 2017-2018 and remember a brief prepared by Attorney Maas in opposition to a constitutional challenge to the three-year mandatory minimum sentence for possession of child pornography contrary to Wis. Stat. § 939.617. Although the brief was filed by the Dane County Assistant District Attorney assigned to the case, I learned that it was researched, organized, and largely written by Attorney Maas. This was not unusual; prosecutors from across the state frequently rely on his expertise and work product. The brief, which focused on the impact pornography had on the affected children and how this was a rational basis sufficient to pass constitutional muster, gave a voice to victims. Like Attorney Mass, the brief was thoughtful, well-prepared, and

ultimately persuasive. I denied the defendant's motion, heavily relying on the argument and legal reasoning presented in the brief.

Attorney Maas is dedicated to the legal profession. In recent years, I have volunteered on the State Bar of Wisconsin's Leadership Development Committee. Understanding that Attorney Maas was integral with the development and production of the District of Columbia Bar's John Payton Leadership Academy, I invited him to provide input to the State Bar for its G. Lane Ware Leadership Academy. For both the D.C. and Wisconsin Bars, he volunteered his time to benefit the legal profession as a whole by developing younger attorneys, including those from nontraditional and underrepresented backgrounds. Attorney Maas's involvement in these programs is telling: it shows his dedication to public service and the legal profession.

Finally, Attorney Maas is an exceptional public speaker. Since 2012, I've attended continuing legal education seminars where he has presented, including seminars from the State Prosecutors Education and Training (SPET) program and DOJ's Division of Legal Services Training Committee. In 2022-2023, he also served as DOJ's Deputy Unit Director responsible for planning SPET conferences. Attorney Maas used his position of authority to affect programming by including unconscious bias training and sessions advancing LGBTQ+ interests. As a presenter, Attorney Maas obviously has subject matter expertise. But equally important is his ability to present complex legal concepts in language that is readily understood by those of us without his expertise. His communication style would be particularly beneficial as a judge, increasing the likelihood that litigants would understand the reasons for his decisions.

Attorney Maas's skills and attributes – his legal acumen, collegiality, empathy, leadership, and communication – would make him an exceptional judge, which would benefit the people of the State of Wisconsin. I am honored to recommend Attorney David Maas to the Governor's Judicial Selection Advisory Committee and welcome the opportunity to discuss my experience with him. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Timothy C. Samuelson

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To Whom It May Concern:

I write in support of the application of David Maas for appointment to Waukesha County Circuit Court Branch 4 to fill the vacancy that will be created by the retirement of Judge Lloyd Carter. I cannot recall exactly when I first met Mr. Maas, but it was back when we were both assistant district attorneys in neighboring counties, so I have known him as a colleague for at least 20 years.

Mr. Maas has served honorably in public service as a state prosecutor for 25 years. He is an outstanding trial attorney with extensive trial experience, and is extraordinarily qualified to serve as circuit court judge. He is conscientious, thoughtful and ethical and has a strong reputation among his fellow prosecutors, the defense bar and judges. His experience and skills have made him a sought-after instructor at prosecutor and law enforcement training conferences in some of the most challenging types of cases.

During my time at the Department of Justice, Mr. Maas was Deputy Director in the Criminal Litigation Unit. He earned high respect from the legal team he supervised. He is a hard working attorney who puts forth extra effort to strive for the just result in any case with which he is involved. He has a patient and thoughtful demeanor, and invariably treats others with respect. These are among the most important attributes we desire in the judiciary. He has a deep commitment to the constitution and the rule of law.

Mr. Maas has lived in Waukesha County for as long as I can recall and has strong ties to this community. He has earned the respect and support of law enforcement leaders, the judiciary and other public and private sector leaders in Waukesha County. I expect he will win election next spring when Waukesha County will have three open seats for the circuit court on the ballot. I am among many who have committed to support and assist his campaign. If he receives this appointment, Mr. Maas has done tremendous groundwork to organize the support that I am confident will result in his retention.

Thank you for considering my remarks. If you have any questions or concerns or I may be helpful in any other way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Brad Schimel
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April 24, 2024

Governor's Judicial Selection Advisory Committee

Re: David Maas

Dear Members of the Governor's Judicial Selection Advisory Committee:

Please accept this letter in support of David Maas's application for appointment to the Waukesha County Circuit Court. I have had the honor and privilege of serving as a circuit court judge and judge of the court of appeals for a total of twenty-four years. In my service as Dean of the Wisconsin Judicial College for thirteen years I have developed programming and taught new circuit court judges how to live their lives on the bench. Through this experience I believe that I have developed a keen insight as to the qualities required for a lawyer to serve fairly and effectively as a circuit court judge. Based upon my work with Mr. Maas, I believe that he has the experience, qualities and capacity to be a terrific addition to the Wisconsin circuit court bench.

I endorse David for this position from what I believe is a unique perspective, as I have had the opportunity to work with him to plan and teach Wisconsin circuit court judges at a 4th Amendment Boot Camp for four years. David's background and experience as a prosecutor and with the Department of Justice has been invaluable to us in developing the 4th Amendment program. He possesses a wealth of knowledge regarding Constitutional Law, digital and other evidentiary issues, and criminal process and procedure, all of which will be invaluable in serving as a circuit court judge.

One of the most important things that we teach circuit court judges at the Judicial College is to provide procedural fairness to litigants. This not only means being unbiased and fair in decision-making, but being certain that the people who come before the court know that they have been heard. Having observed David teaching judges for several years, I know that he has the ability to relate to many different types of learners using very effective interpersonal skills. He is able to make the most difficult and technical material easily understandable, and is patient and clear in his delivery. I know that he is fair and open-minded, thoughtful, and that he can be trusted.

While presenting, we often encounter many different opinions from judges as to how a matter should be decided. David addresses the differing viewpoints calmly and facilitates constructive discussion. He has an excellent demeanor for working with all types of persons who will come before the circuit court, and I have no doubt that people who will appear before him will

understand his decisions and feel they have been treated fairly. Based upon my observations, I am sure that David will have the integrity and fortitude to issue decisions required under the law without regard to who appears before him, or influence from outside sources.

Many judges come to the bench from a prior career focused on only one area of the law. While I mentioned David's experience as a litigator and education concerning criminal matters, it is important to note that he has a well-rounded background that will serve him well on the bench. He has significant experience in dealing with issues that confront judges in both civil and criminal matters, and significant litigation experience in and out of the courtroom, all of which will serve him well on the bench.

I am confident that Mr. Maas seeks this position for the right reasons. I know from many discussions with him how deeply he is committed to public service. He has given of his time and talents in his prosecutorial and Department of Justice positions. He has embraced his role as a leader in educating judges, lawyers, and other professionals throughout Wisconsin and nationally. David is confident, but humble, and he does not seek this position for power or fame, but instead to make certain that our citizens are well served by our system of justice.

Mr. Maas possesses the right combination of intellect and experience, as well as great personal integrity, to best serve the citizens of Wisconsin on the Waukesha Circuit Court. I strongly endorse him for that position. Please contact me if you have any questions. I would be pleased to offer further information to the committee in support of Mr. Maas's application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Lisa K. Stark

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April 26, 2024

VIA EMAIL (GOVJudicialAppointments@wisconsin.gov)

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Re: Application of David Maas, Esq.
Circuit Court for Waukesha County

Dear Governor Evers:

I am writing this letter in support of David Maas, Esq. who has applied to be nominated by the Committee for consideration by the Governor for an appointment to the Circuit Court for Waukesha County.

David has shown himself to be an exceptionally talented attorney, compelling advocate, and supportive colleague. I have witnessed firsthand David's dedication to the legal community, skill as a government attorney, commitment to public service, moral compass, professional ethics, and demonstrated judicial temperament.

I have known David for almost fifteen years. During my tenure with the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, where I served as an Assistant Attorney General and the Director of the Professional Development and Planning Division, I had the pleasure of working with David where he served as a faculty member around litigation skills, leadership, management, and wellbeing. David was one of our outstanding faculty members in service to the office's Professional Development and Planning Division and the broader attorney general community. In my role as Leadership Development Counsel for the District of Columbia Bar Association, I tapped him to serve as faculty for the Bar's flagship leadership program, the John Payton Leadership Academy, where he assisted in developing and providing programming supporting diverse cohorts of attorneys to be strong leaders in the legal profession. Our profession greatly needs this, and David exemplifies and models it.

Having had the privilege of closely observing David's professional journey, I can confirm that he possesses the exceptional qualities, experience, and temperament necessary to excel on the bench. Throughout David's career, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the pursuit of justice and the fair application of the law. As a seasoned litigator, David has exhibited remarkable legal acumen, a deep understanding of legal principles, and an innate ability to navigate complex legal matters with precision, creativity, and integrity. As an educator, David is able to synthesize and share complicated

information to all levels of legal and law enforcement professionals, helping them gain the knowledge and confidence needed to excel.

David has distinguished himself as an outstanding educator in the field of essential management and leadership skills in the legal profession. I have had the privilege of teaching alongside David in leadership and management programs, where his expertise and guidance has been instrumental in helping participants shine and develop into effective leaders. His passion for teaching and mentorship has not only enriched the legal community as a whole, but has also empowered countless lawyers to hone their advocacy skills and cultivate strong leadership practices. David has a unique ability to meet people where they are, encouraging lawyers to be authentic and inclusive while fostering environments where all individuals feel valued, respected, and empowered.

David brings to his teaching and mentoring his considerable trial experience as a prosecutor. David sets himself apart as an expert in his field as he shares his extensive skills as a trial attorney and his expertise in cyber-crime and digital evidence. He is always willing to take on a new challenge and is proactive in his approach to training designing, and delivering programming that is innovative, timely, and meets the needs of a fast paced legal and business environment.

David's talent as an attorney faculty member is evident in every program he participates in. His presentations are engaging, thoughtful, and share a wealth of knowledge with his colleagues around the country. His ability to answer tough questions indicates his clear understanding of whatever topic he is presenting. And his one-on-one coaching with program participants is on point, yet sensitive. He routinely mentors less experienced attorneys and faculty members which facilitates the expansion and flourishing of our attorney general community faculty group.

Through his work with the National Association for Attorneys General Training (NAAG), David has shared his knowledge on a national level. David has deservedly earned a reputation as one of NAAG's outstanding faculty members serving in programs covering a broad range of topics including advocacy, leadership/management, and wellbeing. Through his teaching and speaking engagements, he has addressed critical topics such as resilience, vicarious trauma, engagement, and building high-quality connections. David's commitment to supporting the mental and emotional health of legal professionals has had a durable and profound impact, supporting a positive culture within the legal community.

Without reservation, I strongly support David Maas' application for Wisconsin Circuit Court Judge in Waukesha County. His stellar track record, coupled with his outstanding qualities and unwavering professionalism and commitment to justice and the legal profession, makes him an exemplary candidate for this important role. I am certain that he will make a significant and lasting contribution to the bench.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Very truly yours,

Laurie Lyte

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April 25, 2024

Judicial Appointments Committee
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Re: Judicial Appointment Application for ADA David W. Maas

Dear Committee:

I am submitting this letter of recommendation to the committee to respectfully request this committee recommend ADA David Maas for appointment to the bench in Waukesha County, where he resides. For nearly twelve years, as an elected district attorney, I have seen the respect ADA Maas carries amongst prosecutors, private attorneys, public defenders, judges, law enforcement and the judicial system as a whole. I've seen the command of the law ADA Maas possesses, from being in the audience of presentations he has put on for prosecutors and I have seen this firsthand with him as an ADA in my office.

I have also seen the character, integrity, and commitment to the law that ADA Maas carries with him. Additionally, he demonstrates an even temperament to seek justice, while treating everyone with respect and dignity. ADA Maas' commitment to the legal profession goes beyond handling cases in court. He has worked tirelessly to better our profession by organizing, running, and presenting at statewide prosecutor conferences since 2016. His contributions have been invaluable to our profession, especially in the complex areas of digital evidence, search warrants, telecommunication warrants, administrative subpoenas, ICAC issues, expectation of privacy, election security, and the DOJ election fraud prosecution manual.

As an ADA in Fond du Lac County, ADA Maas carries a full caseload ranging from speeding tickets, drug cases, violent crime, domestic violence, property crime, and everything in between. ADA Maas brings a broad level of experience that is necessary to be an effective judge, which would allow him to hit the ground running.

I have seen the good judgment, organizational skills, knowledge of the law, being a good teammate and steady influence in our office, and I have no doubt he will carry all of these traits with him as a judge in Waukesha County.

I wholeheartedly recommend the appointment of ADA Maas to bench as a circuit court Judge in Waukesha County. I know that, if appointed, ADA Maas will represent the community with honor and integrity, with the goal of seeking justice within the law. I would be honored to have him as a judge in Fond du Lac County but I believe the people of Waukesha County would be blessed to have ADA Maas serving them as a judge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Toney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "E" and a long, sweeping tail.

Eric J. Toney
District Attorney



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April 17, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL (GOVJudicialAppointments@wisconsin.gov)

The Honorable Tony Evers
Governor of Wisconsin

Re: Application of David W. Maas for
Waukesha County Circuit Court Vacancy

Dear Governor Evers:

I write in support of the application of David Maas for an appointment to the Waukesha County Circuit Court.

In my capacity as Deputy Attorney General, I worked closely with David from January 2019 when I started in my position until June 2023, when he left the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) to become a prosecutor in Fond du Lac County. While an Assistant Attorney General at DOJ, David served in a supervisory role as a Deputy Unit Director of the Criminal Litigation Unit and had extensive responsibilities. I witnessed his outstanding performance with respect to many of those responsibilities firsthand.

David was the lead coordinator of the Statewide Prosecutors Education and Training (SPET) conference—the twice-yearly conference that is the principal means of continuing legal education for prosecutors throughout Wisconsin. David's leadership of the conference was readily apparent, from its meticulous planning, to his frequent updates to attendees throughout the conference, to his own personal participation as a leader of training sessions. David's aptitude for training was not limited to Wisconsin; while at DOJ, he served for many years as a trainer of attorneys at attorneys general offices nationwide through the National Association of Attorneys General.

Apart from his training role, David also performed important work as a front-line prosecutor at DOJ. He was the head legal advisor at DOJ for the Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. In that capacity, he was

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recognized statewide as a legal expert on warrants and subpoenas for digital evidence, a background that will be invaluable should he be appointed as a circuit court judge. David also coordinated and drafted the annual reports required by state and federal law regarding court-ordered wiretaps. When law enforcement needed assistance with drafting the extensive filings required when applying for a wiretap, David was the lead DOJ prosecutor on those matters. David was also DOJ's designated prosecutor on election security matters, often participating on task forces comprised of state and federal law enforcement officials to protect the integrity of our elections. In sum, when we needed a prosecutor's assistance at DOJ on complex matters, David was often the prosecutor assigned and he performed that work admirably.

If appointed, I am confident that David would serve as a level-headed and fair-minded jurist for the citizens of Waukesha County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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April 23, 2024

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Dear Governor Evers:

I recommend Attorney David Maas for appointment as Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge. For the last two years I have worked with Attorney Maas as faculty for a multi-day judicial training—the Digital Evidence Bootcamp. It is a 3-day intensive program designed for a small number of judges (around 20 participants) where the faculty engages with participants on a number of topics related to digital evidence and the criminal legal system. Attorney Maas and I represent opposing sides of the criminal legal system—prosecutor and defense attorney—but work together as faculty members to provide a comprehensive perspective of the evolving issues related to digital evidence. My experience with Attorney Maas has shown him to be intelligent, thoughtful, and respectful. I believe he will be the same as a judge.

In developing the agenda and preparing for the Bootcamp, all faculty members provide their perspectives on a variety of topics related to digital evidence, with significant focus on the Fourth Amendment. In going through this process, Attorney Maas approaches these quickly evolving legal issues thoughtfully. He does the appropriate research and engages in nuanced discussions about where the law is and where it may go. It is evident from working with Attorney Maas in this capacity that he has respect for the law and would take care to ensure it is applied fairly.

Attorney Maas would also have a respectful judicial demeanor. He works well with opposing counsel and the judiciary. Both in preparing for the Bootcamp and during the course, Attorney Maas and I have not always agreed. Unsurprisingly, we have different perspectives. However, even when we disagree, Attorney Maas has always been respectful. He explains his perspective and listens to my perspective. This is what a good judge does. For these reasons, I believe Attorney Maas would be an excellent choice for appointment as Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge.

I appreciate your consideration of this letter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Katie R. York

KATIE R. YORK
Acting State Public Defender