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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 18, 2014

**TO:** Wisconsin Municipal Clerks  
City of Milwaukee Election Commission  
Wisconsin County Clerks  
Milwaukee County Election Commission

**FROM:** Michael Haas  
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**SUBJECT:** Update on Ballot Design Lawsuit

As clerks are in the middle of preparing for the November General Election, many clerks have been contacting the Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.) staff requesting an update to the status of the ballot design lawsuit that has been filed in the Waukesha County Circuit Court.

A hearing in the case, *Friends and Neighbors of Robin Vos and Scott Fitzgerald for Senate v. Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, Named G.A.B. Members and Kevin Kennedy in their official capacity* (14-CV-1932), has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the Waukesha County Courthouse.

Additionally, the G.A.B. Members will be conducting a special teleconference meeting tomorrow, September 19 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss this pending litigation. Discussion of this litigation will be held in closed session.

Today is the deadline for municipal clerks to send out absentee ballots to voters that have a valid absentee request on file with the municipal clerk. **Even with the pending litigation, municipal clerks are reminded that all valid absentee applications are still required to be honored.** Municipal clerks must not wait until the determination of the pending litigation before sending out absentee ballots to voters that have a valid request on file.

For questions involving Photo ID requirements for absentee ballot requests, please see guidance posted to the clerk communication page within the last week.

If you have any questions, please contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at (608) 261-2028) or [gabhlpdesk@wi.gov](mailto:gabhlpdesk@wi.gov). Thank you.