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

**FROM:** Kevin J. Kennedy  
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**SUBJECT:** Michael Haas Appointed Elections Division Administrator of the Government Accountability Board

After an intensive nationwide search, Staff Counsel Michael Haas has been appointed Elections Division Administrator of the Government Accountability Board, effective January 1, 2013. The G.A.B. approved my selection of Mike during the closed session of its meeting December 18.

Mike joined the G.A.B. in 2008 as one of the two staff attorneys who advise the Board on legal matters. During his time at the agency, Mike has earned the respect of the Board and his colleagues, as well as Wisconsin's local election officials. Mike's legal advice and management skills were instrumental in the agency's successful processing of nearly 2 million recall petition signatures in 2012. Most recently, Mike is overseeing preparation of the staff's study to determine the cost and administrative impact on elections in Wisconsin if Election Day Registration is eliminated.

Mike's excellent work reflects his strong commitment to, and passion for, the non-partisan mission of the G.A.B.: ensuring accountability in government by enforcing ethics and lobbying laws, and enhancing representative democracy by ensuring the integrity of the electoral process.

Mike is a native of Sun Prairie and currently resides in Fitchburg. He graduated from Sun Prairie High School in 1982 and Harvard University in 1987. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1994. From 1995 to 2008, he practiced law as part of a general practice law firm in Rock and Dane counties, serving as lead city attorney for Stoughton, Edgerton and Milton.

Mike succeeds Nat Robinson as Elections Division Administrator.

The G.A.B.'s two Division Administrators serve at the pleasure of the Director and the approval of the six Government Accountability Board members.