

# Government Accountability Board

## State of Wisconsin

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## Judge Nichol Reappointed to Government Accountability Board

MADISON, WI – Governor Scott Walker [announced today](#) that he has reappointed Judge Gerald C. Nichol to a six-year term on the Government Accountability Board.

Judge Nichol is a resident of Madison, Wisconsin. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin Law School. He was in private practice from 1963 to 1988, except for 1970 to 1972, when he was elected Dane County District Attorney as a Republican. He served as a town of Madison municipal court judge from 1974 to 1987 before being elected a nonpartisan Dane County Circuit Court Judge in 1988. He was reelected in 1994 and 2000, and served until 2004.

Since retiring from the bench, Judge Nichol has worked as a professional mediator. Judge Nichol was nominated by the Government Accountability Candidate Committee and appointed as one of the first six Government Accountability Board members in 2008 by Governor Jim Doyle for a term to expire May 1, 2012. His appointment to the Board was confirmed by the State Assembly in 2008. (Of the six original G.A.B. members, three were confirmed by the Assembly and three by the Senate.) Judge Nichol is currently board secretary.

Judge Nichol was [re-nominated by the Government Accountability Candidate Committee](#) in February. At the same time, the committee re-nominated Judge Timothy Vocke, who Governor Walker reappointed to a vacant seat on the Board, effective April 2, 2012.

The Government Accountability Board serves as an independent, non-partisan regulatory body that administers and enforces the state's election, campaign finance, ethics and lobbying laws.

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The Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.) is responsible for administration and enforcement of campaign finance, elections, ethics and lobbying laws in Wisconsin. The G.A.B. is made up of six non-partisan, former judges and is supported by an agency of non-partisan staff members.