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Chief Justice to Select Government Accountability Candidate Committee Member Wednesday

MADISON, WI – Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson will choose the name of one Court of Appeals judge Wednesday to fill a vacancy on the Government Accountability Candidate Committee.

The committee serves as the nominating body for members of the Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, and is made up of one judge from each of the state's four Court of Appeals districts. There is a vacancy because District IV Judge Charles Dykman has retired from the Court of Appeals.

Committee members are chosen by lot by the Chief Justice – in the presence of the other members of the Supreme Court – and serve a two-year term. The current committee members' terms will expire on March 1.

The selection process will take place at 9:45 a.m., Wednesday, September 15, in the hearing room of the Wisconsin Supreme Court in the State Capitol. The process is outlined in Wis. Stats. §15.60 (2).

The three current committee members are Appeals Court judges Ralph Adam Fine, Daniel Anderson and Edward Brunner.

When a vacancy on the Government Accountability Board occurs, the four-member candidate committee determines a minimum number of nominees as specified by state statute. The Committee sends a list of nominated candidates to the Governor for consideration. The Governor will then select one candidate to serve a new six-year term, and submit her or his name to the Wisconsin Senate for confirmation.

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