

# Government Accountability Board

## State of Wisconsin

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## Government Accountability Candidate Committee Vacancy Filled

MADISON, WI – Judge Margaret Vergeront of the District IV Court of Appeals was selected Wednesday to serve the remainder of the current term on the State’s Government Accountability Candidate Committee, which nominates former state judges to serve on the Government Accountability Board.

As provided for in state statute, Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson drew Judge Vergeront’s name by lot to replace Judge Charles Dykman, who has retired from the Appeals Court. She joins Appeals Court judges Ralph Adam Fine, Daniel Anderson and Edward Brunner on the committee.

The current committee members’ terms will expire on March 1, 2011, and they would only meet in the event of an unexpected vacancy on the G.A.B. A new committee will be selected by the same process before March 1, 2011.

When a vacancy on the Board occurs, the four-member candidate committee determines a minimum number of nominees as specified by state statute. The Committee sends a list of nominees 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.

The G.A.B. administers and enforces Wisconsin campaign finance, elections, ethics and lobbying laws. It began operation in January of 2008, in conjunction with the dissolution of the former State Elections and Ethics Boards.

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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.