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The Hon. Anthony Evers  
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Dear Governor Evers,

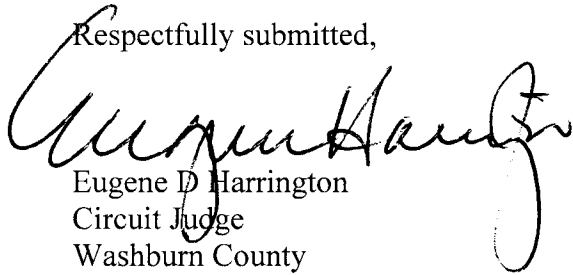
It has been my privilege to serve the citizens of Washburn County and the State of Wisconsin for nearly 22 years as a circuit court judge. Except for my service as the United States Marine from 1970 to 1972, nothing in my work career has been more rewarding. Nevertheless, I intend to retire as the circuit court judge for Washburn County effective 4 PM, August 2, 2019.

In providing this notice, I endeavor to make three recommendations as you choose my successor:

1. Please make the appointment before August 15, 2019. The annual Judicial College for judges is scheduled to begin August 19, 2019. Every judge – especially a new judge – needs that basic education. I urge you to make the appointment such that whoever is appointed is able to attend that college, this year.
2. Appoint a lawyer that has successfully tried cases to a jury. Not necessarily a lawyer that has won every jury trial, but a practitioner that has experienced the preparation and process of a trial. Many lawyers become judges without real trial experience. The learning curve can be steep. New judges floundering denies due process to both practicing lawyers and their clients.

3. Although historically I was a Democrat, I urge that you appoint a person without regard to political affiliation. Appoint a good student of the law. That is the most important predictor in the long term success of a judge. I urge you to consider that fact.

Respectfully submitted,



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Circuit Judge  
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