

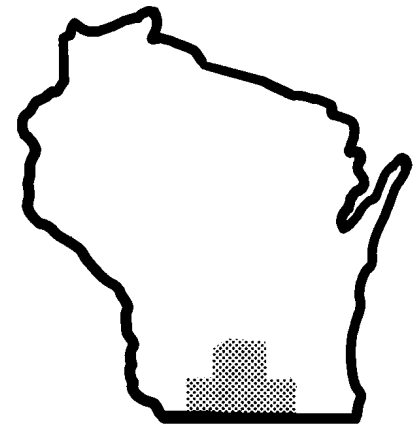
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State Representative Robin Voss
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Dear Representative Voss,

I just read with dismay the comments attributed to you by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel:

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) ripped the judge as an "activist Dane County judge" who had injected her "own personal opinion into how we conduct elections." He said he wasn't aware Walker had appointed the judge, but said her approach was endemic to judges in liberal Madison. Vos calls the judge an "activist Dane County judge." Says he wasn't aware she was appointed by @GovWalker but says that stance is endemic to judges in Madison. "It's something about the water in Dane County. That's why I try to stay here as little as I can," he says.

I am neither a liberal or conservative. I am a non-partisan member of the Third Branch of state government.

Your comments regarding the judiciary are inflammatory, uncalled for, and are patently offensive to the dedicated public servants, like Judge Reynolds, that work tirelessly to apply the law that *you* in the legislature create.

As a life-long public servant, in every interaction with the citizenry, it has been my goal to inculcate respect for our democratic institutions. As a father of three, it has also been my mission, to raise well-informed and conscientious citizens of the future, so that our precious institutions will endure for generations to come. Your public comments are antithetical to that goal.

I know Judge Reynolds to be a judge who is possessed of a keen intellect, is careful and deliberate to her rulings and has consistently demonstrated a deep and passionate commitment to pursuit of justice. No doubt, these factors all contributed to her appointment to the bench by Governor Walker.

If you were familiar with the facts of this case and well-versed in the legal issues presented, you surely could have offered a pointed criticism of her legal analysis. Instead, you offered an unwarranted, blazing, *ad hominem* attack upon her character. You took the low road. With a broad brush, you have not only needlessly besmirched my reputation and that of my colleagues, you have also gratuitously denigrated the good citizens of Dane County. And frankly, in the process, you have also sullied your own reputation, diminishing any hopes of being taken seriously as a statesman.

I strongly encourage you to reconsider your intemperate remarks and reach out to Judge Reynolds to offer a well-deserved apology. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Judge William E. Hanrahan
Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial District