

May 28, 2019

**Statement of Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Patience Drake Roggensack  
regarding action by the Joint Committee on Finance:**

"I am pleased with today's action by the Joint Committee on Finance. It contains elements, that if adopted by the Legislature and the governor, will strengthen and support Wisconsin's justice system.

Increasing the rate paid to attorneys who provide constitutionally required representation to those who cannot afford a privately paid attorney to \$70 per hour, additional necessary assistant district attorneys, and an increase in support for the counties who are the state's partners in Wisconsin's courts are welcome outcomes. I am aware of the many important considerations the Legislature has before it in developing the state's budget, and I appreciate their favorable consideration.

I will continue to monitor the progress of these important issues as we work together to address serious concerns in the administration of Wisconsin criminal justice system."

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