



## Legislative Fiscal Bureau

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TO: Representative Evan Goyke  
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FROM: Bob Lang, Director

SUBJECT: Legislative Legal Expenses, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21

You asked for information regarding the amount that the State Senate and Assembly have expended for legal cases in 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 (to date). Based on data provided by the Chief Clerks, the table below provides the requested information.

### Legal Expenses by Case, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 (through June 7, 2021)

<u>Case</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Senate</u>	<u>Assembly</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Extraordinary Session</b>				
Clean Wisconsin & Pleasant Lake v. DNR	2018-19	\$33,434.75		\$33,434.75
	2019-20	20,732.35	\$54,167.10	74,899.45
	2020-21	172,649.56	172,164.80	344,814.36
Democratic Party v. Vos	2018-19	\$77,918.02	\$60,209.97	\$138,127.99
	2019-20	93,983.10	116,980.74	210,963.84
	2020-21	22,422.72	17,133.51	39,556.23
League of Women Voters v. Knudson	2018-19	\$205,388.61	\$163,065.75	\$368,454.36
	2019-20	102,339.72	138,580.10	240,919.82
	2020-21	5.85	5.85	11.70
One Wisconsin Institute v. Mark Thomsen	2019-20	\$2,295.00	\$2,295.00	\$4,590.00
	2020-21	143,498.23	17,531.78	161,030.01
SEIU v. Vos	2018-19	\$227,226.45	\$82,705.15	\$309,931.60
	2019-20	356,763.89	467,227.42	823,991.31

	2020-21	75,534.02	105,741.87	181,275.89
<b>Redistricting</b>				
Whitford v. Gill				
	2018-19	\$947,063.72	\$644,546.57	\$1,591,610.29
	2019-20	42,860.67	133,156.27	176,016.94
	2020-21		3,375.00	3,375.00
Redistricting 2021-22	2020-21	133,759.45	142,399.45	\$276,158.90
<b>Voter Registration</b>				
Democratic National Committee v. Bostelmann				
	2019-20	\$181,330.74	\$86,696.80	\$268,027.54
	2020-21	412,685.24	507,265.98	919,951.22
<b>COVID and Voting</b>				
Edwards v. Vos				
	2019-20	\$70,370.74		\$70,370.74
	2020-21	17,451.10	87,821.86	105,272.96
Green Bay v. Bostelmann				
	2019-20	\$32,730.50	\$32,730.50	\$65,461.00
Lena Taylor v. Milwaukee Elections Commission				
	2019-20	\$5,915.75	\$5,915.75	\$11,831.50
Lewis v. Knudson				
	2019-20	\$62,282.38	\$12,600.00	\$74,882.38
	2020-21	14,986.05	64,668.44	79,654.49
Swenson v. Bostelmann				
	2019-20	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00	\$10,500.00
	2020-21	62,263.42	62,263.43	124,526.85
<b>Absentee Ballot Witness</b>				
Gear v. Knudson				
	2019-20	\$50,178.29	\$475.00	\$50,653.29
	2020-21	72,773.67	64,173.70	136,947.37
<b>Partial Veto</b>				
Bartlett v. Evers				
	2019-20	\$39,460.47	\$43,441.00	\$82,901.47
	2020-21	4,905.52	925.00	5,830.52
WSBU v. Brennan				
	2019-20	\$10,160.06	\$10,160.06	\$20,320.12
	2020-21	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	3,000.00
<b>Act 10</b>				
OEW v. Evers				
	2018-19	\$6,066.75		\$6,066.75
	2019-20	72,324.18	\$53,222.00	125,546.18
	2020-21	64,136.99	29,309.28	93,446.27
<b>Other COVID-19 Related</b>				
Various Cases				
	2019-20	\$160,966.50	\$30,831.00	\$191,797.50
	2020-21	114,818.33	223,544.86	338,363.19
<b>Other Legal Cases</b>				
Planned Parenthood v. Kaul				
	2018-19	\$42,362.50	\$32,268.75	\$74,631.25
	2019-20	24,694.83	34,791.57	\$59,486.40

	2020-21	2,125.00	2,125.00	\$4,250.00
<b>Other Legal Cases (continued)</b>				
Nygren v Evers	2019-20		\$74,499.57	\$74,499.57
	2020-21		-36,880.00	-36,880.00
WI Election Law Challenge				
	2019-20		\$42,728.29	\$42,728.29
	2020-21		\$138,581.46	138,581.46
Plotkin v Born	2019-20		\$31,698.74	\$31,698.74
Jt. Finance-Settlement Cases				
	2019-20		\$8,225.00	\$8,225.00
WSJ v. WI Assembly				
	2019-20		\$7,250.00	\$7,250.00
	2020-21		126,166.10	126,166.10
Kaul v Legislature	2020-21	\$9,947.50	\$9,947.50	\$19,895.00
Miscellaneous				
	2018-19	\$5,729.00		\$5,729.00
	2019-20	30,717.00		30,717.00
	2020-21	149,239.88	\$26,689.00	175,928.88
<b>2018-19 Total</b>		\$1,545,189.80	\$982,796.19	\$2,527,985.99
<b>2019-20 Total</b>		\$1,365,356.17	\$1,392,921.91	\$2,758,278.08
<b>2020-21 Total</b>		\$1,474,702.53	\$1,766,453.87	\$3,241,156.40

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