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- Potential candidates for election to judicial office - - Spring 2017
- All Municipal and Multi-Jurisdictional Judges

Subject: Code of Ethics--Statements of Economic Interests
Candidate's Statement due January 6, 2017

We understand that you may be a candidate for election to a judicial office this spring. Candidates for Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, Municipal Judge, and Multi-jurisdictional Municipal Judge **must file a *Statement of Economic Interests with the Wisconsin Ethics Commission in order to appear on the ballot.*** Candidates should file their Statement on or before the last day on which their nomination papers may be filed, unless they are nominated by caucus**.

Candidates from whom we have not received a completed Statement of Economic Interests by 4:30 p.m., Friday, January 6, 2017 will not be certified for ballot placement. If you wish your name to be on the ballot, be certain that your Statement has reached the Wisconsin ethics Commission by that time and that it is complete. We encourage you to submit your Statement in advance of the due date so that we can verify that it meets the law's requirements before the deadline.

****Municipal judges nominated by caucus:**

Statements are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on **the fifth day after notification of nomination is mailed or personally delivered to you by the municipal clerk.**

Even though the information contained on your Statement must be current as of December 31, 2016, you may file your Statement prior to December 31 if you can foresee with reasonable certainty the information needed to complete it. If you file your Statement before year's end, you **must amend it by the statutory deadline** if an amendment is necessary to make it conform to your status on December 31, 2016.

*Sec. 19.43(4), *Wisconsin Statutes*

Accompanying this letter you will find:

- The 2017 Statement of Economic Interests form;
- The 2017 SEI Instructions

You may submit your completed Statement by mail, email, or fax. If you choose to transmit your completed Statement to us via fax or email, please **do not** follow-up with the original--retain it for your own records.

Statements of Economic Interests are open for public inspection. Wisconsin law requires the Ethics Commission to notify you of the identity of each person who examines your Statement. Winners of the spring election will update their Statements in the spring of 2018 and annually thereafter.

If you have a question about completing your Statement, visit our web site: <http://ethics.state.wi.us/EOFR/Pages/FAQ.aspx#What>, send us your question via email: ethics@wi.gov, or call us at (608) 266-8123.

Sincerely,

STATE OF WISCONSIN ETHICS COMMISSION

Enclosures

2017 Statement
2017 Instructions