



STATE OF WISCONSIN – JUDICIAL COUNCIL

MAY 15, 2026 AGENDA

WISCONSIN JUDICIAL COUNCIL
FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026 – 9:30 A.M.
WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL
ROOM 328NW
MADISON, WISCONSIN

**Members wishing to join by telephone should call:
(339) 209-6255 at 9:30 a.m. on 5/15/26. There is no Access Code.**

- 1) Roll Call and approval of the Minutes from March 20, 2026.** A copy of the draft Minutes prepared by Staff Lawyer Zibolski will accompany this Agenda.
- 2)** We will begin by welcoming Attorney Jason Luczak to the Council and allow him to make a few introductory remarks. He is with the Milwaukee law firm of Gimbel, Reilly, Guerin & Brown, LLP. At his request, I am appointing Mr. Luczak to the Criminal Procedure Committee.
- 3) Petition to the Supreme Court regarding DAR.** The first item of business we will consider on May 15, 2026 is a proposed Petition by the Director of State Courts to the Supreme Court regarding DAR. The DAR Committee met May 4, 2026 and unanimously agreed to adopt Sarah Zylstra’s wordsmith changes to the final petition as suggested at our last Judicial Council meeting. A copy of the draft petition will accompany this Agenda. It is hoped that the Council can vote on May 15, 2026 to support the work of the Office of the Director of State Courts concerning their Petition to the Supreme Court and any supporting Memoranda.
- 4) Petition to the Supreme Court regarding the ECP’s Proposed Revisions to the Rules of Evidence.** We will next have a Report concerning the Petition to the Supreme Court which is being prepared by Attorney Shriner, Professor Blinka and Staff Attorney Natalie Zibolski. According Attorney Shriner, at the Council’s May 15 meeting, Attorney Shriner will bring the Council up to date on the few changes in the ECP draft since a draft version was circulated at our March meeting. The Council members will have the opportunity to comment on the draft before we circulate it to the potentially interested parties

(i.e., stakeholders) which we have identified, along with laying out how we will solicit the comments of interested parties utilizing our newly created website (which will be discussed and demonstrated by Staff Lawyer Zibolski at our May 15 meeting). A petition to the Supreme Court and supporting Memorandum will not be put in final form until the Council has had an opportunity to consider any comments received via either our new web page or by other means.

- 5) **Report by Staff Lawyer Zibolski on our new Web Site.** According to our Staff Lawyer, M. Zibolski, the web page should be ready to launch by the end of this month. We expect that she will be able to run a demonstration of the new web page at our May 15 meeting. M. Zibolski tells me that on the new website there will be an “active projects” page where interested persons can post an item as public feedback. On the page itself, the viewer will click the comment option, which will take them to the ‘comment feedback’ screen. We expect an interesting demonstration at our Mat 15 meeting. For now, we are attaching a copy of what the web site will contain concerning the membership of the ECP, along with a rough copy of the ECP’s proposed revisions to the Wisconsin Evidence Code
- 6) **Special Report by, or on behalf of, Chair Judge Snow concerning the Interpreter Committee.** The Committee met in April and either Judge Snow or Staff Lawyer Zibolski will deliver this Report.
- 7) **A new feature will be added to the Council’s Agenda today.** Council Members Sarah Zylstra and Vice Chair Margo Kirchner are representatives of the State Bar. They have been seeking suggestions from members of the Wisconsin State Bar on issues which the Council may wish to consider in future meetings. Both Sarah and Margo will present concerning recent suggestions they have received.
- 8) **Other Council Committees. We will next hear from the following Chairs or their Representatives:**
 - a) Thomas Shriner will give the Evidence and Civil Procedure Committee Report.
 - b) Judge Rachel Graham will give the Appellate Procedure Committee Report.
 - c) Attorney Dan Blinka, the Younger, will give the Criminal Procedure Committee Report.
 - d) Vice Chair Margo Kirchner will report on “Council Corner” and recent articles authored by Council members, or to be authored by Council members.

9) Nominations. Council Chair William Gleisner hereby appoints a nominating committee for the purposes of selecting a slate of candidates for Chair and Vice Chair of the Judicial Council for next year as follows:

Judge Kristine Snow, Chair; Judge Emily Lonergan; Judge Beverly Wickstrom; UW Professor Lanny Glinberg; and Sarah Barber.

Adjournment.

This Agenda was prepared by Attorney Gleisner.

PUBLIC NOTICE

All meetings of the Judicial Council and its committees are open to the public. The Council's May 15, 2026 meeting will only take place in person in Room 328NW of the Capitol Building. There will be no Zoom access to this meeting. Subject to limits imposed by the size of Room 328NW, members of the public are welcome. However, if any member of the public disrupts the meeting in any way, security will be called, and the disrupting member will be asked to leave. For more information, please contact the Chair of the Judicial Council, Mr. Gleisner, at 414-651-3182 or gleisnerwilliam@gmail.com.