

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
IN THE SUPREME COURT**

**In the Matter of the creation of Supreme Court
Rule 32.015 relating to the structure of the
Wisconsin Judicial College**

PETITION 19-___

For the reasons set forth in the accompanying supporting memorandum, the petitioner, the Honorable Lisa K. Stark, Dean of the Wisconsin Judicial College, respectfully petitions the court to create a new SCR 32.015 to address the structure and appointment process of the Wisconsin Judicial College. This petition is filed pursuant to the court's rulemaking authority under Wis. Stat. § 751.12 and its administrative authority over all courts conferred by Article VII, § 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution.

TEXT OF PROPOSED CHANGES

SCR 32.015 is created to read:

SCR 32.015 Wisconsin Judicial College.

(1) The Wisconsin Judicial College is an annual two-part judicial orientation and education program for Wisconsin State Court Judges. Newly appointed or elected circuit court judges shall attend a weeklong Judicial College together with an associated two-and one-half-day New Judge Orientation that is next scheduled after the new judge's election or appointment. Thereafter, all circuit court judges are required to attend the week-long Judicial College at least once during every six-year term. Wisconsin court of appeals judges and supreme court justices may attend the Judicial College, space permitting.

(2) The Wisconsin Judicial College planning committee is a subcommittee of the judicial education committee, staffed by the office of judicial education. The Judicial College planning committee is responsible for all aspects of planning and operating the Wisconsin Judicial College. The Judicial College planning committee shall be constituted as follows:

(A) One dean, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court for a six-year term. The dean shall chair the Judicial College planning committee and shall have prior experience as an associate dean, so long as a current or former associate dean is willing to serve. In the event no current or former associate dean is willing to serve, the dean appointed shall have significant experience in planning and teaching judicial

education programs and meet the criteria discussed below for appointment as an associate dean. The dean is eligible for reappointment, but shall not serve more than two consecutive full terms. A supreme court justice may not serve as dean.

(B) Six associate deans, each appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court for a three-year term. The planning committee shall make timely recommendations to the chief justice for associate dean appointments. Associate deans shall have a minimum of five years' experience on the circuit court and have completed faculty development training provided by the Office of Judicial Education. An associate dean is eligible for reappointment, but shall not serve more than two consecutive full terms. Supreme court justices and court of appeals judges may not serve as associate deans.

(C) The membership of the Judicial College planning committee should reflect the gender, racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity of the state, and should include an associate dean representing each of the following:

1. Milwaukee County.
2. A one-judge county.
3. A northern Wisconsin county.
4. Central Wisconsin or the Fox River Valley.
5. Southwest Wisconsin.
6. Dane, Waukesha, Racine, Kenosha or Rock Counties.

(D) Vacancies on the Judicial College planning committee shall be filled by the chief justice in the same manner as original appointments. A dean or associate dean appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the predecessor was appointed holds the position for the remainder of that term. Completion of a predecessor's unfinished term shall not be included when determining eligibility for reappointment. An appointment as dean or associate dean ends if the individual ceases to be a member of the Wisconsin judiciary.

Respectfully submitted this ____ day of May, 2019.

Judge Lisa K. Stark
Dean of the Wisconsin Judicial College