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## Judge Jon Richards campaign announces endorsement of 30 additional judges

MILWAUKEE COUNTY — Judge Jon Richards, Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Branch 30, announced today his campaign has received the endorsement of more than 30 current and former judges.

"Our courtrooms function best when judges like Jon are involved in and care about the future of our shared community," said Circuit Court Judge Jean Kies. "Jon's career in public service has been devoted to securing fairness, equality and justice for all of our neighbors."

"Judge Richards has a legal pedigree well suited for this job," said Circuit Court Judge Mark Sanders. "With experience as a community advocate, attorney and legislator, he understands the impact of his decisions and treats all who enter his courtroom fairly and with respect."

"Jon believes in the rule of law, and the fair administration of justice for every citizen. I've always been struck by Jon's kindness and humility," said retired Circuit Court Judge Mary M. Kuhnmuench "He has spent his entire public life working on behalf of social justice initiatives, and with his legal experience, he will be an outstanding addition to the Milwaukee County Bench."

"As our list of endorsers grows, I am honored to have so many of my colleagues supporting my candidacy," said Judge Jon Richards. "They know better than anyone what makes someone successful in this role, and their support shows our message of treating everyone with dignity and respect is resonating in the courthouse and across Milwaukee County."

The general election will be held on April 6, 2021.

Find the list of judges on the next page. Find a full list Judge Jon Richard's endorsers here.

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## About Judge Jon Richards

Jon Richards has practiced law for more than 25 years, representing working families, non-profit organizations and small businesses. Richards is also highly involved in the community; as a volunteer attorney for tenants through the Eviction Defense Project and for survivors of human trafficking through Lotus Legal Clinic, and as the director of the Take Back My Meds coalition to prevent drug abuse and contamination of Lake Michigan from unused medications.

He represented Milwaukee in the legislature where he authored the statewide smoking ban and worked to improve our justice system. He has a deep understanding of how power and economics shape the issues that come before the court, a commitment to addressing the racial inequities in our justice system and an ethos of treating people with dignity and respect.

His campaign can be found at <u>richardsforjudge.com</u> or <u>@richards4judge</u>.

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## Full list of judges supporting Jon Richards

Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Louis Butler\*

Appeals Court Judge Pat Curley\*

Appeals Court Judge Joe Donald

Appeals Court Judge Joan Kessler\*

Appeals Court Judge Gary Sherman\*

Appeals Court Judge Maxine A. White

Circuit Court Judge Brett Blomme

Circuit Court Judge Milton Childs

Circuit Court Judge Judge Karen Christenson\*

Circuit Court Judge Pedro Colón

Circuit Court Judge Gwen Connelly

Circuit Court Judge Jack Dávila

Circuit Court Judge David Feiss

Circuit Court Judge Gary Gerlach\*

Circuit Court Judge Lindsey Grady

Circuit Court Judge Brittany Grayson

Circuit Court Judge Charles Kahn\*

Circuit Court Judge Fred Kessler\*

Circuit Court Judge Jean Kies

Circuit Court Judge Mary Kuenmunch\*

Circuit Court Judge Reyna Morales

Circuit Court Judge Marshall Murray

Circuit Court Judge Frederick Rosa

Circuit Court Judge Mark Sanders

Circuit Court Judge Danielle Shelton

Circuit Court Judge Michael Skwierawski

Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Wagner

Circuit Court Judge JD Watts

Circuit Court Judge Kristy Yang

Milwaukee Municipal Court Judge Phil Chavez

Milwaukee Municipal Court Judge Jim Gramling\*

Milwaukee Municipal Court Judge Valerie Hill

Whitefish Bay Municipal Court Judge Paul Christensen

<sup>\*</sup>indicates former or retired