



## CAPITOL CONNECTION

WISCONSIN FAMILY ACTION  
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### “2016 – It’s All About YOU!”

How will YOU make an impact in Wisconsin in 2016? What can YOU do to make a difference in a culture that is hostile to the sanctity of life at every stage, married mom-and-dad families, and the preservation of religious liberty?

Wisconsin Family Council invites you to hear Julaine Appling address the vital importance of every Wisconsin voice at our special event “2016 – It’s All About YOU.”

Learn why YOU are important to the future of The Badger State and what you can do to strengthen, preserve and promote marriage, family, life and liberty in your community and beyond. Receive updates on WFA/WFC’s special events, legislation, action alerts, and information to keep you “in the know.”

**Thurs., April 7, 6-8 p.m. Appleton Pizza Ranch**

Space is limited. Registrations taken on first-come, first-served basis.

Contact our office to register for this event! Call: 888.378.7395

## An Intern’s Perspective

As an intern for Wisconsin Family Action, I have the unique privilege of being able to work toward making a difference on pro-life and “family-values” issues that I feel deeply passionate about. It’s a rare opportunity, yet it’s something that I am fortunate enough to get to do every day with WFA in Madison. The ability to affect current issues in Wisconsin in a fast-paced environment is extremely exciting and motivating. Working for WFA, I am able to do research projects, make calls, and educate people on the realities of our pro-life and pro-family fight here in Wisconsin.

At the beginning of this year, and working through WFA, I was able to play a small part in fighting for the passage of several pro-life bills that will have a positive and meaningful impact on our state. I was able to get involved like I never had before, making calls to constituents and asking them to encourage their Representatives to vote in favor of these pro-life bills. Those two pro-life bills, Assembly Bill 310 and 311, have since been passed and will now defund millions from Planned Parenthood and other family-planning organizations throughout Wisconsin. These bills ensure that family-planning organizations, like Planned Parenthood, will be prohibited from overbilling the state for drugs they purchase and dispense through the Medicaid program. Money from the federal Title X grant program is also being redirected away from Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin. Knowing that my work through WFA has helped save Wisconsin tax payer money from going towards a social and moral issue which many people do not support is extremely encouraging.

This issue of the sanctity of life is very important to me. As a part of the millennial generation, I know that we will have to take up the banner to continue to protect the lives of unborn Wisconsin children. They are worth fighting for, and even if my efforts through WFA only make a small impact- it inspires and empowers me to continue the fight and to do more. I believe that the work being done by Wisconsin Family Action is changing the course of Wisconsin state history, and being able to learn, grow, and serve under such an influential and committed organization is truly a blessing.

- Bethany Brunner



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### WFA President Contributes at CPAC 2016

Wisconsin Family Action (WFA) was proud to see WFA president Julaine Appling serving on two panels at the renowned Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) that was held March 2-5 at the Gaylord National Resort and Conference Center in Washington, D.C.

CPAC was founded and is hosted each year by The American Conservative Union (ACU). According to ACU’s website, CPAC “combines ideas with action to leverage the strength of thousands of grass-roots activists to break through the resistance of Washington’s powerful elites.”

Recognizing the aptitude and competence of WFA president Julaine Appling, who has spent over 18 years working and advocating for strong families here in Wisconsin, the CPAC organizers invited her to attend as a subject matter expert, where she discussed as a panelist the future potential of “The Family Prosperity Index,” a revolutionary tool for evaluating the ability of families to thrive in a particular state and comparing state rankings from year to year.

Julaine also served as a panelist along with Stan Swim, director of The Sutherland Institute, economist Larry Kudlow of CNBC, and economists Dr. Wendy Warcholik and J. Scott Moody of ACU



Foundation to take on the daunting topic of the “State of the Family in America: How Do We Measure Success?” This panel afforded Julaine the chance to draw upon the many unique challenges and experiences that WFA has been involved in over the past decade and served as an opportunity for her to highlight the many successes that WFA, in full partnership with our many friends and supporters, have been able to achieve here in The Badger State.

Wisconsin Family Action is proud that Julaine’s hard work here in Wisconsin being recognized on a national scale, and are certain that those in attendance at CPAC benefited greatly from her participation in the event.

Other CPAC speakers included 2016 conservative presidential candidates, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI), and many other conservative leaders from all across the nation.





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# Spring Election 2016



**Tuesday, April 5**  
**Polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. statewide**  
Visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) for more information, to find your polling place and to see your sample ballot.  
Or call WFA at 866-849-2536.



For comprehensive voter information on the candidates involved in the upcoming Wisconsin Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday, April 5th, please visit the WFA website at:

[wifamilyaction.org](http://wifamilyaction.org)

### Ted Cruz Receives the Endorsement of WFA PAC In Upcoming Primary

Madison, WI – Wisconsin Family Action Federal PAC (WFA PAC) has endorsed Ted Cruz for president.

Following is a statement from WFA PAC director, Julaine Appling:

“WFA PAC is pleased to endorse US Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) for president. We believe Sen. Cruz has the character, the temperament and the right values to lead America. He has proven throughout his career and during the campaign that he understands the importance of strengthening, preserving and promoting in this country natural marriage and family, the sanctity of human life and constitutionally-provided religious freedom. His economic policies and positions show he has the best interest of the nation’s most important natural resource—her families—at heart.

“Sen. Cruz stands tall among the candidates as someone who has the intellect and ability to govern this country not as a dictator or deal-maker-in-chief but as a principled leader who follows the Constitution and who truly desires to limit government by empowering the citizens to make America great again. Importantly, we believe Sen. Cruz will aggressively protect our citizens, our interests and our way of life from those determined to destroy us.

“America is at a crossroads. We need a leader who will inspire hope and confidence, while restoring common sense and the rule of law in our great country. We believe Sen. Ted Cruz is that leader.”

Wisconsin Family Action Federal PAC urges Wisconsin citizens to vote for Ted Cruz in the Presidential Preference Primary on Tuesday, April 5.



Senator (Rep.) Ted Cruz, his wife Heidi, and their two daughters Caroline and Catherine

# Wisconsin Supreme Court Primary

**JoAnne F. Kloppenburg**  
[kloppenburgforjustice.com](http://kloppenburgforjustice.com)

**Current Position:** Presiding Judge, Wisconsin District IV Court of Appeals

**Judicial Philosophy:** (Disclaimer: candidate did not publish a stated judicial philosophy.)

*“I have always believed that fairness and justice are fundamental principles we must uphold. I chose the law as a career because I saw its power and its impact on people’s lives.*

*“Every day as a judge, my appreciation for the value of a court system in which the law is stated clearly and applied equally deepens. I approach every case with an open mind. I treat all who come before me fairly and with respect.”*

**Legal experience:** (See website for complete listing of experience and associations)

- Elected to District IV Court of Appeals in 2012
- Director, WI DOJ Environmental Protection Unit (1993-2003)
- Adjunct Faculty, UW Law School, Civil Procedure (1990, 1992)
- Assistant Attorney General at the WI Department of Justice (1989-2012)
- Law clerk for Federal District Court Chief Judge Barbara Crabb (1988-1989)
- UW Law School (1988)

**Major/Statewide Endorsements:** (See website for complete list of endorsements)

- Wisconsin State Association of Letter Carriers
- Former Congressman Dave Obey (D)<sup>4</sup>
- Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne
- Former Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk
- Madison Mayor Paul Soglin
- State Representative Beth Meyers (D)
- State Representative Chris Taylor (D)
- State Representative Dianne Hesselbein (D)
- State Representative Lisa Subeck(D)
- State Representative Melissa Sargent (D)
- State Representative Sondy Pope (D)



**Rebecca G. Bradley**  
[justicerebeccabradley.com](http://justicerebeccabradley.com)

**Current Position:** Justice on the Wisconsin State Supreme Court

**Judicial Philosophy:** *“The role of a justice is to interpret the law, not invent it. The people of Wisconsin are best served by justices who understand and embrace their duty to state what the law is, not what they prefer it to be. Justices should defer to democratic processes that result in the creation of laws by legislatures and not attempt to impose their policy preferences in their decisions. It is essential to our system of justice to have independent justices who will apply the law impartially, free of political agendas.*

*“...Laws are appropriately subject to judicial review, not a judicial veto. The judiciary should defer to legislative policy choices, not impose their own. Justices must apply the law as it is written, and should be guided by principles such as judicial restraint and respect for the separation of powers among the three branches of government.”*

**Legal experience:** (See website for complete listing of experience and associations)

- Appointed to WI Supreme Court by Governor Walker (R) in 2015
- Appointed to WI District I Court of Appeals by Governor Walker in 2015
- Appointed to Milwaukee County Circuit Court by Governor Walker in 2012 elected in 2013
- Vice-President of Legal Operations, RedPrairie Corporation
- Attorney, Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek
- Attorney, Hinshaw & Culbertson
- UW Law School (1996)

**Major/Statewide Endorsements:** (See website for complete list of endorsements)

- WI Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman
- WI Supreme Court Justice Jon P. Wilcox (ret.)
- Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke (D)
- Jefferson County Judge Randy Koschnick
- Judge Mark Gundrum
- Judge Brian Hagedorn

