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(Candidates presented in ballot order, as given on Wisconsin Elections Commission website, <http://elections.wi.gov/>)

| Candidate Name | Rebecca Dallet https://www.dalletforjustice.com/ | Michael Screnock https://www.judgescrenock.com/ | Tim Burns https://burnsforwisconsin.com/ |
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| Current Position | Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge; first elected in 2008 | Sauk County Circuit Court Judge; appointed by Gov. Walker in 2015; elected in 2016 | Partner in Madison law firm, Perkins Coie, specializing in insurance law |
| Judicial Philosophy/Why Running | "I'm running for Supreme Court justice...because our rights are under attack, our civil rights. Every day, tweet by tweet. Our right to clean air and water. Our right to equal protection, women's rights. And we've got a broken Supreme Court. And what we need is someone with experience and values to stand up and repair that court." ¹ | "I think the most important thing, because I think it's the most important thing for the Supreme Court, is that I believe strongly in the rule of law and I believe that the role of the court is to interpret and to apply the law, but not to rewrite the law or to try to legislate from the bench. I think that's fundamental to our system of government and I think it's critical that the justices on our Supreme Court understand the limited role that they've been given by the people through our Constitution." ² | "I am the most likely candidate to stand up to Scott Walker and the legislature when they act outside the law....And then also my values, quite honestly. I've been very open about my progressive political values in this campaign because I believe voters need to know what they're voting for....So when I say that I believe in one person/one vote, a woman's right to choose, I am making a statement of candor with voters. And we need that on the court as well if we're going to stand up to lawlessness." ³ |
| Best case decided by US Supreme Court or WI Supreme Court in last 30 years | Best (US): <i>Obergefell v. Hodges</i> (2015) - "This was the case when the Court decided that the Constitution no longer accepted treating lesbian and gay people differently when it came to basic rights such as marriage." ⁴ | Best (WI): <i>Ozanne</i> (2011) "The <i>Ozanne</i> decision also stands as a reminder that the Court is able – and willing – to respond to issues of significant public import in a relatively timely fashion. Public employers and employees all across the state had an interest in a resolution to the status of Act 10, and the Supreme Court moved relatively swiftly in addressing the narrow, but important, issues presented...." ⁵ | Best (WI): <i>State vs. Dubose</i> (2005). "There, the Wisconsin Supreme Court truly acted as independent branch of government and a great protector of the rights of Wisconsinites to a fair trial....Thinking for itself, the Wisconsin Supreme Court rejected the approach of what had become a more rightwing United States Supreme Court in favor of the earlier Warren Court approach. With Donald Trump currently packing our federal courts with rightwing ideologues, <i>State vs. Dubose</i> offers a good example of how Wisconsin courts can continue to protect the rights of Wisconsinites." ⁶ |
| US SC justice & WI SC justice admire ⁷ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (US) Sandra Day-O'Connor • (WI) Ann Walsh-Bradley | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (US) Antonin Scalia • (WI) Jon Wilcox | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (US) Thurgood Marshall • (WI) Shirley Abrahamson |

1. <https://wpt.org/here-and-now/dallet-discusses-her-experience-candidacy-supreme-court> 2. <https://wpt.org/here-and-now/screnock-discusses-supreme-court-run> 3. <https://wpt.org/here-and-now/burns-his-wisconsin-supreme-court-run>
 4. <https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2018/01/19/court-watch-voters-choice-burns-vs-dallet/> 5. <https://www.wjinc.org/blog/walkers-judges-michael-p-screnock> 6. <https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2018/01/19/court-watch-voters-choice-burns-vs-dallet/> 7. <https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2017/10/30/big-differences-separate-candidates-running-wisconsin-supreme-court/80649700/> For general Wisconsin election information visit <https://mvtvote.wi.gov/en-us/>.