



# Republican Party of Dane County

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## 2015 Spring Voter Guide

Vote for **Judge James Daley** for Wisconsin Supreme Court.

Rock County Circuit Court Judge James Daley is taking on incumbent Ann Walsh Bradley. You can help remove her from her activist ways on the bench and replace her with a man who has a proven record as a DA and as Judge.



Learn more about Judge Daley at <http://daleyforwisconsin.net/> and let's send him to Madison to protect our constitution and our values!

### State Referendum

*Election of chief justice. Shall section 4 (2) of article VII of the constitution be amended to direct that a chief justice of the supreme court shall be elected for a two-year term by a majority of the justices then serving on the court?*

**Yes!** This measure would provide for the election of the Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice by a majority of the justices serving on the court. The chief justice would serve a two year term. Currently, the Wisconsin Constitution mandates that the Chief Justice be appointed based on seniority from the pool of justices sitting on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson has served as the court's chief justice since 1996.

Under existing rules Wisconsin is one of **only five states** in which the chief justice is based solely on seniority. In the State Legislature, the Assembly and Senate both elect their own leaders. The committee of 10 chief judges who lead the circuit courts in Wisconsin elect their own leader. This constitutional amendment would allow a majority of the justices serving on the court to elect their chief justice to a two-year term. **This common-sense amendment inserts democracy into the process** and will result in a more efficient and effective Supreme Court.

**Please share this information!** Help ensure everyone is aware of the upcoming spring election and knows what will be on the ballot.