

## SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

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### CHIEF JUSTICE

**Shirley S. Abrahamson:** Born New York City, December 17, 1933; married; 1 child. Graduate Hunter College H.S. 1950; B.A. N.Y.U. 1953; J.D. Indiana U. Law Sch. 1956; S.J.D. UW Law Sch. 1962; D.L. (honorary) Willamette U. 1978, Ripon College 1981, Beloit College 1982, Capital U. 1983, John Marshall Law Sch. 1984, Northeastern U. 1985, Indiana U. 1986, Northland College 1988, Hamline U. 1988, Notre Dame U. 1993, Suffolk U. 1994, DePaul U. 1996, Lawrence U. 1998, Marian College 1998. Member: American Philosophical Society (elected 1998); American Academy of Arts and Sciences (fellow 1997). Recipient: American Judicature Society *Dwight D. Opperman Award* 2004 and *Herbert Harley Award* 1999; ABA Commission on Women in the Profession *Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award* 1995; UW-Madison *Distinguished Alumni Award* 1994; Wisconsin Communication Association *Wisconsin Outstanding Communicator Award* 1992. Featured in *Great American Judges: An Encyclopedia* 2003.

Appointed to Supreme Court August 1976 to fill vacancy created by death of Chief Justice Horace W. Wilkie; elected to full term 1979; reelected 1989 and 1999. Became chief justice August 1, 1996, upon the retirement of Chief Justice Roland B. Day.

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#### (In Order of Seniority)

**Ann Walsh Bradley:** Born Richland Center, July 5, 1950; married; 4 children. Graduate Richland Center H.S.; B.A. Webster College (St. Louis, MO) 1972; J.D. UW-Madison (Knapp Scholar) 1976. Former high school teacher, practicing attorney, and Marathon Co. circuit court judge. Member: National Conference on Uniform Laws; Wisconsin Judicial Council; elected member of the American Law Institute; Wisconsin Bench Bar Committee; UW Law School Board of Visitors; Amer. Judicature Soc.; American Bar Assn.; State Bar of Wis.; Federal-State Judicial Council; elected fellow of the American Bar Foundation, Wisconsin Legal History Committee; Rotary International; lecturer for the ABA's Asian Law Initiative. Served on Wis. Task Force on Children in Need. Former member: Wis. Judicial College (associate dean and faculty); Wis. Rhodes Scholarship Com. (chp.); Wis. Equal Justice Task Force; Wis. Jud. Conference (chp. and legis. com.); Civil Law Com. (exec. com.); Task Force on Children and Families; Wis. State Public Defender Board (bd. of dir.); Com. on the Admin. of Courts. Recipient: American Judicature Society's *Herbert Harley Award* 2004; *Business and Professional Woman of the Year* 1993; *Woman of Distinction Award* 1993; *Business Woman of the Year Athena Award* 1990.

Elected to Supreme Court 1995; reelected 2005.

**N. Patrick Crooks:** Born Green Bay, May 16, 1938; married; 6 children. Graduate Green Bay Premontre H.S. 1956; B.A. (*magna cum laude*) St. Norbert Coll. 1960; J.D. U. of Notre Dame Law Sch. 1963; Army Judge Advocate General's School at U. of VA 1963-64; Natl. Jud. Coll. at U. of Nevada-Reno May 1984; Inst. of Jud. Admin. at N.Y.U. Law Sch. 1996. Former practicing attorney (1966-77); business law instructor, UW-Green Bay (1970-72); faculty, Wis. Jud. Coll.; attorney, Military Affairs Div., Army Judge Advocate General Office, Pentagon (1964-66); legal intern, Internal Security Div., U.S. Dept. of Justice (1962). Vietnam Era vet.; served in Army (capt.) 1963-66. Member: Amer. Bar Assn. and law school evaluator in its judicial division; State Bar of Wis. and its Media and Law Relations Com.; Dane Co. Bar Assn.; Brown Co. Bar Assn. (pres. 1977); Assn. for Women Lawyers of Brown Co.; Notre Dame Law Assn. (bd. of dir.); Wis. Law Foundation (exec. com.). Former member: Wis. Judicial Council (1998-2002); Juvenile Justice Study Task Force (1994-95); United Way of Brown Co. (pres. 1976-78); East Central Criminal Justice Planning Coun. (1973-85); Brown Co. Legal Aid (chp. 1971-73); Fed. Bar Assn. (1964-65). Recipient: Notre Dame Academy *Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award* 2002; Amer. Bd. of Trial Advocates *Trial Judge of the Year* 1994; St. Norbert Coll. *Alma Mater Award* 1992 and *Distinguished Achievement Award in Social Science* 1977; U. of Notre Dame *Award of the Year* 1978; Army Judge Advocate General *Commendation Medal* 1966. Author of works in *Notre Dame Lawyer* 1961-63; *Judges Bench Book-Juvenile*. Brown Co. Ct. judge 1977-78; Brown Co. Circuit Ct. judge 1978-96.

Elected to Supreme Court 1996; reelected 2006.



**Justice  
BRADLEY**



**Justice  
CROOKS**



**Justice  
PROSSER**



**Chief Justice  
ABRAHAMSON**



**Justice  
ROGGENSACK**



**Justice  
BUTLER**



**Justice  
ZIEGLER**

**David T. Prosser, Jr.:** Born Chicago, IL, December 24, 1942; single. Graduate Appleton H.S.; B.A. DePauw Univ. 1965; J.D. UW-Madison Law School 1968. Former practicing attorney; admin. asst. to U.S. Congressman Harold V. Froehlich 1973-74; attorney-advisor, U.S. Dept. of Justice 1969-72; lecturer, Indiana U.-Indianapolis Law School 1968-69. Member: State Bar of Wis.; Dane Co. Milwaukee Co., and Outagamie Co. Bar Assns.; James E. Doyle American Inn of Court. Former member: Wis. Coun. on Criminal Justice 1980-83 (exec. com.); Judicial Coun. Com. on Prelim. Examinations 1981; Wis. Sentencing Comm. 1984-88 and 1994-95; Wis. Sesquicentennial Com. 1993-99; National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws 1983-96, reappointed 2005.

Outagamie Co. District Attorney 1977-78.

Elected to Wisconsin Assembly 1978. Speaker of the Assembly 1995-96; Minority Leader 1989-94.

Commissioner, Wis. Tax Appeals Com. 1997-98.

Appointed to Supreme Court September 1998 to fill vacancy created by resignation of Justice Janine P. Geske; elected to full term 2001. Supreme Court Planning and Policy Advisory Committee's Court Financing Subcommittee 2002-04; Judicial Council of Wis. 2002-06.

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**Patience Drake Roggensack:** Born Joliet, IL, July 7, 1940; married; 3 children. Graduate Lockport Township H.S.; B.A. Drake University 1962; J.D. UW-Madison Law School 1980 (*cum laude*). Former practicing attorney. Member: State Bar of Wis.; American Judicature Soc.; American Bar Assn.; Dane Co. Bar Assn; American Bar Foundation (fellow); American Judges Assn.; Legal Assn. of Women; Bar Assn. for the Western District of Wisconsin (past president). Board service on: YMCA; YWCA; Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth; Olbrich Botanical Society; International Women's Forum (past president).

Court of Appeals Judge, District IV (1996-2003). Served on Judicial Conference (legislative liaison); Committee for Public Trust and Confidence in the Courts; Publication Committee for the Court of Appeals; State Court/Tribal Court Planning Committee (co-chair); Personnel Review Board (appeals court delegate).

Elected to Supreme Court 2003. Service on Personnel Review Board (supreme court delegate); 2005 Statewide Bench Bar Conference (co-chair).

**Louis B. Butler, Jr.:** Born Chicago, IL, February 15, 1952; married; 2 children. Graduate Chicago South Shore H.S. 1969; B.A. Lawrence University 1973; J.D. UW-Madison Law School 1977. Member: State Bar of Wisconsin; Milwaukee County Bar Association; National Judicial College (faculty member); National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) (former bd. of directors; former co-chair, Political Action Committee); Wisconsin Association of African-American Lawyers (former president and treasurer); Community Brainstorming Conference (bd. of directors; former chair); State/Federal/Tribal Court Forum Com.; Personnel Review Bd.; Southwestern Law School Moot Court Competition. Former member: Bench Bar Criminal Committee; Criminal Judicial Benchbook Committee; Criminal Law Section (bd. of directors) and Individual Rights and Responsibilities Section (bd. of directors, chair) of the State Bar of Wisconsin; Legal Action of Wisconsin (bd. of directors), Legal Services to Indigents Committee (bd. of directors); Milwaukee Area Television Access (bd. of directors); Milwaukee Trial Judges Association; Criminal Justice Reforms Task Force; Urban Initiative Task Force on Public Education; Wisconsin Municipal Judges Association (president, legislative trustee, bd. of directors); Wisconsin Sentencing Commission.

Assistant State Public Defender (1979-92); Adjunct Asst. Professor of Law, Marquette University Law School (1991-92); Milwaukee Municipal Court Judge (1992-2002); Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge (2002-04).

Appointed to Supreme Court August 2004 to fill vacancy created by the appointment of Justice Diane Sykes to the Federal Court.

**Annette K. Ziegler:** Born Grand Rapids, MI, March 6, 1964; married; 3 children. Graduate Forest Hills Central H.S.; B.A. in Business Administration and Psychology Hope College (Holland, MI) 1986; J.D. Marquette University Law School 1989. Member: State Bar of Wis.; National Association of Women Judges; West Bend Noon Rotary; Washington County Boys and Girls Club (president, bd. of trustees).

Washington County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 2, 1997-2007.

Elected to Supreme Court 2007.