

Government Accountability Board

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Governor Receives the Names of Two Nominees to Serve on the Government Accountability Board

MADISON, WI – The Government Accountability Candidate Committee has selected two former Wisconsin judges for nomination to serve on the Government Accountability Board (G.A.B.).

The committee selected Thomas Barland, former Eau Claire County Circuit Court judge, and Timothy Vocke, former Vilas County Circuit Court judge.

The Governor will appoint one of the two to serve on the Government Accountability Board for a six-year term. The appointment must be confirmed by the State Senate.

Barland was a trial judge for 33 years and has also served as chair for the Wisconsin Supreme Court's Judicial Conduct Advisory Committee. He was named State Trial Judge of the Year in 1997 by the Wisconsin State Bar.

Vocke also previously served as District Attorney for Vilas County, Assistant District Attorney for Racine County, and on the Judicial Independence Committee of the Wisconsin State Bar. He also has served on the Wisconsin Supreme Court's Code of Professional Responsibility Committee.

Current Board member Victor Manian's term will end next month. The six G.A.B. members serve six-year staggered terms, and Manian's term is the first to end since the G.A.B. was created in 2007.

The candidate committee is made up of four Wisconsin Appeals Court judges. Committee members serve a two-year term and are charged with nominating replacements to the G.A.B. from a list of willing applicants, all of whom must be former, elected judges.

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