

To: Editor, GMTODAY (letter to editor)

April 6 brings an important non-partisan election for the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District 2. I have served on the Court of Appeals and the trial court for the past 18 years and have known of Judge Davis' work both on and off the bench. Judge Davis' opponent has no experience in the courtroom having spent her entire career as a law clerk.

This race has become a political smear job on Judge Davis who, despite being non-partisan throughout his career has been "labeled" because he was appointed by Governor Evers. What Judge Davis' opponent fails to advertise is that she applied for the same position with Gov. Evers and told Gov. Evers that Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson were her most admired judges. Gov. Evers found her unqualified. Gov. Walker also found her to be so unqualified that he did not even entertain interviewing her (I am unaware if she told Gov. Walker her most admired judges were Ginsburg and Abrahamson).

Partisanship has no place in a judicial race and would make our Founding Fathers sick; our democracy puts partisanship in the legislative and executive branches – not the judicial branch. Judge Davis is endorsed and respected by conservative Justices Roggensack, Ziegler, Prosser (ret.) and Wilcox (ret.) as well as the vast majority of current and retired Court of Appeals judges.

Please vote for professionalism and integrity. Please vote for Judge Davis on April 6. Regards,
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